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Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,
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Hongkong, October 17, 1896. 846

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Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 7, 1896. 368

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Hongkong, January 16, 1897. 120

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SHANGHAI	*Rohilla* †	F. COLE	About 7th Feb.
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JAPAN	*Ancona*	W. D. MUDIE	Noon, 12th Feb.
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Hongkong, January 29, 1897. 200

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For THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY Co.,
Per C. CAMPBELL.
Hongkong, January 15, 1897. 95

Intimations.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on TUESDAY, the 2nd February.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.;
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
N. J. EDE,
Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.
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Acting Agent,
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W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents,
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ltd.
GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
WM. MACBEAN,
Manager,
The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 182

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK LIMITED—HONGKONG AGENCY.
ON and after the 29TH JANUARY, 1897, This AGENCY will REMOVE to and Transact Business at its TEMPORARY OFFICE No. — DES VŒUX ROAD (NEW RECLAMATION GROUND and PRAYA CENTRAL.)
NAO. NABEKRA,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 25, 1897. 176

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the BRANCH Register of the above Company hitherto kept in HONGKONG will be REMOVED to SINGAPORE on the 31st Instant.
By Order of the Board of Directors in London.
C. B. BROOKE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 28, 1897. 174

Intimations.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on TUESDAY, the 2nd February, Proximo.
For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
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CHANTREY INGHBALD,
Manager.
For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,'
NAO. NABEKRA,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 177

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, No. 14 Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 22nd February, both days inclusive.
By order of the Board of Directors.
THOS. J. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 19, 1897. 132

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Notices of Firms.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.
DURING my ABSENCE and until further Notice MR. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE has been appointed Acting Secretary.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 134

NOTICE.
THE Interest and RESPONSIBILITY of MR. M. D. EZEKIEL in our FIRM in HONGKONG and SHANGHAI has ceased on the 31st December, 1896.
E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, January 28, 1897. 199

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CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.
No. 73.
THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS will be observed at this OFFICE and the KOWLOON CUSTOMS STATIONS from the 28TH of the 12TH MOON to the 3RD DAY of the 1ST MOON (30TH JANUARY to the 4TH FEBRUARY, both days inclusive), and during that Period all Shipment, Discharge, and Examination of Cargo will be suspended.
H. M. HILLIER,
Commissioner of Customs for Kowloon and District.
CUSTOM HOUSE,
Kowloon, 25th January, 1897. 172

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE Sixteenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company Pedder's Street, at Noon on SATURDAY, 6th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th Instant to the 6th Proximo, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 22, 1897. 153

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Eighth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, 1897, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Twelve Months ending the 31st Dec., 1896.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 29th January to TUESDAY, the 9th Feb., 1897, (both days inclusive), during which Period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.;
Agents for the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld.
Hongkong, January 18, 1897. 133

AMERICAN SYSTEM OF DENTISTRY,
AT
62 *QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.*
CHADWICK KEW.
(LATE OF POATA & NORRIS.)
Hongkong, December 19, 1896. 2130

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HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE Sixty-first Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, TO-MORROW, the 30th Instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the Purpose of Receiving a Report of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditors.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 30th inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 80

THE DEVONIAN SOCIETY.
THE ANNUAL MEETING and DINNER of the above Society will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th February.
Members of the Society desirous of attending the Dinner are requested to notify the undersigned on or before SATURDAY, the 6th February.
R. K. LEIGH, *Hon. Secretary.*
Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 144

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of February Next, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1896.
By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 149

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 30th January Current, to SATURDAY, the 13th day of February Next, (both days inclusive), during which Period no Transfer of SHARES can be REGISTERED.
By order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 27, 1897.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE Twenty-Eighth ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on MONDAY, the 15th February, at Twelve o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1896.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 15th Idem, both days inclusive.
By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, January 25, 1897. 170

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SAM MARKS,
Manager,

Hongkong, January 25, 1897. 171

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Hongkong, January 28, 1897. 197

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Hongkong, January 23, 1897. 167

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DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, OVERMANTELS, WRITING BUREAU, FANCY and TEA TABLES, PICTURES ORNAMENTS, BRONZES, BRUSSELS CARPETS, VARIOUS RUGS, FENDERS, BRASS FIRE DOGS, BOOKCASE, STANDARD LAMP, Etc., TEAK SIDEBOARD, MARBLE TOP and with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER WAGONS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, DINNER and DESERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE, GLASSWARE, CUTLERY, TABLE LINEN, PANTRY REQUISITES.

SEVERAL IRON and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, Etc., MARBLETOP WASHSTANDS and DRESSING TABLES, CHEST of DRAWERS, WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS DOORS and PLAIN, SEVERAL TIN-LINED DRESS BOXES, SCREENS, and SUNDRY BEDROOM FURNITURE, BATHROOM REQUISITES.

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Etc., Etc., Etc.

Also,

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ONE AMERICAN PNEUMATIC BICYCLE (ALMOST NEW), with LAMP and BELL, COMPLETE.

Also,

ONE CHRONOMETER (2 DAYS), by SEWILL.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale. On view from *Friday*, the 29th January.

TERMS of SALE:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 183

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Arratoon Apcar* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 1st February, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1897. 203

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.



The Co.'s Steamship *Namoa*, Captain HALL, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 31st Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 29, 1897. 201

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA

(FLORIO & RUBATTINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY,

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN, and GENOA; also VENICE, TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS, up to CALLAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD; also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.



The Steamship *Bisagno*, Capt. MANCINI, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 1st Febuary, at 5 p.m.

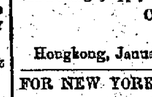
At BOMBAY the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA DOCK.

For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1897. 202

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Steamship *Port Adelaide*, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about 12th February, 1897.

S. S. *Energia*, to sail about 22nd Feb., 1897.

S. S. *Strathleven*, to sail about 7th March, 1897.

S.S. *Macduff*, to sail about 22nd March, 1897.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1897. 2602

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

COLONA, American barque, Captain C. M. Noyes.—Captain.

FORT STUART, British ship, Captain Yanstone.—Standard Oil Co.

FRED. P. LITCHFIELD, American barque, Captain W. W. Hardy.—Order.

JOHN R. KELLY, American ship, Capt. O. E. Chapman.—Standard Oil Co.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	*Vessels.*	*Agents.*	*Date of Leaving.*
Australian Ports.....	Changsha (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Feb. 1, at 4 p.m.
Australian Ports.....	Chingtu (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	Feb. 13, 3 p.m.
Australian Ports.....	Omi Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 16, at 4 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Call	Prinz Heinrich (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	Feb. 2, at 9 a.m.
Japan.....	Ancona (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Feb. 12, at noon.
London.....	Formosa (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Feb. 4.
London.....	Canton (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About March 6.
London, v. Ports of Call	Strathay (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 6, 5 p.m.
London, v. Ports of Call	Mirzapore (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Feb. 11, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Myrmidon (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	February 3.
London, v. Suez Canal	Tantalus (s).....	Butterfield & Swire...	February 13.
Marseilles, v. Saigon..	Sydney (s).....	Messageries Maritimes	Feb. 3, at noon.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Port Adelaide (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	About Feb. 12.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Peru (s).....	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Feb. 13, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Belgic (s).....	O. & O. S. S. Co.....	Feb. 4, at noon.
San Francisco.....	Matterhorn	Melchers & Co.....	Quick despatch.
San Francisco.....	Sambawa.....	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Loongmoon (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	Jan. 30, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Rohilla (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Feb. 7.
S'hai, N'ki, K'bo & Y'ma	Java (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	About Feb. 6.
Singapore & Bombay..	Brindisi (s).....	P. & O. S. N. Co.....	Jan. 30, at noon.
S'pore, P'nang & B'bay	Bisagno (s).....	Carlowitz & Co.....	Feb. 1, at 5 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & C'tta	Arratoon Apcar (s).....	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Feb. 2, daylight.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Miike Maru (s).....	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	Feb. 17, at noon.
S'pore, M'les, H'yn & H'g	Sonta (s).....	Siemssen & Co.....	Feb. 6, at 5 p.m.
S'tow, Amoy & F'chow	Namoa (s).....	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 31, daylight.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c...	Braemar (s).....	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Feb. 9, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of India (s)...	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Feb. 17, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.), &c....	Monmouthshire (s)	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	February 13.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.



The Steamship *Arratoon Apcar*, Capt. K. H. SUNDBERG, will be despatched for above Ports on TUESDAY, the 2nd Feb., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1897. 205

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 28:—

Taiyuan, British s'r., 1,459, R. Nelson, Sydney Jan. 7, Brisbane 9, Townsville 13, Thursday Island 16, and Port Darwin 19, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

January 29:—

Arratoon Apcar, British steamer, 1,392, K. H. Sundberg, Calcutta Jan. 9, Penang 16, and Singapore 22, Opium and General.—DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Zafiro, British steamer, 675, A. W. R. Cobban, Manila January 26, General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Namoa, British steamer, 862, T. Hall, Foochow Jan. 26, Amoy 27, and Swatow 28, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Bisagno, Italian str., 1,499, L. Mancini, Singapore Jan. 21, General.—CARLOWITZ & Co.

Decima, German steamer, 965, C. Christensen, Saigon Jan. 24, Rice.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Deuteros, German str., 1,198, P. Lassen, Saigon Jan. 23, Rice.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Strathallan, British steamer, 1,488, T. Macoubrey, Hongay January 27, Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hinsang, British steamer, 1,576, J. Kynoch, Penang via Singapore Jan. 21, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Deucalion, British str., 1,347, B. Branch, Sandakan (B.N. Borneo) Jan. 23, Timber and General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Kiang Pak, Chinese steamer, 779, Briasaader, Hankow Jan. 18, and Swatow 26, General.—KWANG MAN WO.

Moefoo, Chinese steamer, 1,339, Klopfer, Shanghai Jan. 26, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Nerite, British steamer, 3,051, Daniel, Singapore Jan. 21, Petroleum.—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Wengkoi, British str., 1,115, C. Stonham, Moji Jan. 24, Coal—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Petrarch, German steamer, 1,252, L. Schall, Moji Jan. 23, Coal.—WIELER & Co.

DEPARTURES.

January 29:—

Hailoong, for Swatow.
Phra Chula Chom Klao, for Bangkok.
Verona, for Nagasaki, &c.
Namjong, for Amoy.

CLEARED.

Penobscot, for New York.
Dante, for Saigon.
Loongmoon, for Shanghai.
Lathair, for Callao.
Keong-wai, for Bangkok.
Nerite, for Kobe.
Trym, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Taiyuan*, from Sydney, &c., Mr and Mrs Campbell, Misses Satter, and Newton, 22 Chinese and 5 Japanese.

Per *Arratoon Apcar*, from Calcutta, &c., Mrs Sundberg and child, Mr and Mrs Braga, 2 children and amah, Assistant Surg. L. H. Clarke, Messrs Wm. Davidson, Jno. W. Skelhorn, C. J. Jackson, and H. Schellenbaum, 2 Europeans, 5 Indians, 194 Chinese, 12 women, and 3 children.

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila, Mr Henry O'Shea, and 30 Chinese.

Per *Namoa*, from Coast Ports, Mr Thomsen, and 25 Chinese.

Per *Bisagno*, from Singapore, Rev. Rodriguez Mendes, and 31 Chinese.

Per *Decima*, from Saigon, 14 Chinese.

Per *Hinsang*, from Penang, &c., Mr Bain, and 246 Chinese.

Per *Deucalion*, from Sandakan, 64 Chinese.

Per *Kiang Pak*, from Hoihow, 26 Chinese.

Per *Moefoo*, for Shanghai, 16 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Namyong*, for Amoy, 169 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Dante*, for Saigon, 50 Chinese.
Per *Loongmoon*, for Shanghai, 2 Europeans and 60 Chinese.
Per *Lathair*, for Callao, 4 Chinese.
Per *Keong-wai*, for Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Taiyuan* reports: Left Sydney at 4.40 p.m., on Jan. 7th, called at Brisbane on 9th, and detained through stress of weather till 10 a.m., on the 10th, Townsville 13th, Thursday Island 16th, Port Darwin 19th; arrived at Hongkong, p.m., on the 28th. Experienced moderate to strong N.E. winds and rough sea to Brisbane, a fresh N'ly gale and heavy rain, whilst lying in Brisbane Roads. Thence moderate winds and sea to Lady Elliott Island, followed by moderate winds and showery weather to Townsville; thence moderate to light N.W. winds, and fine weather to Port Darwin, which place was in a state of destruction, from a severe cyclone, which had passed over on the 7th inst., entirely wrecking the town and its surroundings; thence experienced light variable winds and fine weather to the Equator, which was crossed at 9 p.m., on the 22nd, followed by light variable winds to Basilan Straits; thence moderate to strong N.E. winds to Cabra; experienced light variable winds, smooth sea, and fine weather to arrival.

The British steamer *Arratoon Apcar* reports: Left Calcutta on the 9th January, and had fine weather in the Bay of Bengal; sailed from Singapore on the afternoon of the 22nd inst., and experienced moderate monsoon to lat. 11° N., long. 111° E.; thence to arrival, had light N.E'ly and Southerly winds, and smooth sea.

The British steamer *Namoa* reports: From Foochow, fresh breeze N.N.E., fine. From Amoy, light wind and variable. From Swatow, light wind S.E., with fog. Steamer in Foochow: *Fooksang*. Steamer in Amoy: *Velox*. Steamers in Swatow: *Yiksang*, *Wenchow*, *Glenfalloch*, and *Devawongse*.

The British steamer *Hinsang* reports: Fresh to strong monsoon, with high sea to Paracels; thence to port, light winds and fine.

The British steamer *Deucalion* reports: Fresh to moderate winds throughout, fine weather to the Coast; when fog was met with.

The Chinese steamer *Kiang Pak* reports: Left Hankow on the 18th inst., at 3.45 p.m.; left Woosung on the 21st, at 6.30 p.m.; arrived Swatow on the 24th, at 7 a.m.; left Swatow on the 28th, at 3.40 p.m. With a cargo of Sugar for Hankow. Experienced moderate winds and fine weather throughout.

The Chinese steamer *Meefoo* reports: Variable weather to Turnabout, and afterwards light fog to port.

The British steamer *Wong-koi* reports: Left in the morning of 24th Jan., and experienced light variable wind and fine weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For BANGKOK.—
Per *Keong-wai*, at 9.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 30th January.

For HAIPHONG.—
Per *Hanoi*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 30th January.

For SINGAPORE & BOMBAY.—
Per *Brindisi*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 30th January.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Loongmoon*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 30th January.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Namoa*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 30th January.

For PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
Per *Changsha*, Registration at 3 p.m. Letters at 3.30 p.m., on Monday, the 1st February.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.—
Per *Bisagno*, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the 1st February.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET.—
The German Contract Packet *Prinz Heinrich* will be despatched on MONDAY, the 1st February, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *viâ Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &c., &c.
Registry ceases at 4 p.m.
The mail closes at 5 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—
The French Contract Packet *Sydney* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *viâ Marseilles*; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—
The United States Mail Packet *Belgic* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 4th February, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
10 A.M. Registry ceases.
11 A.M. Post Office closes.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—
The British Contract Packet *Mirzapore* will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 11th Feb., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond, *viâ Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.
The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'s PACKET.—
The Canadian Pacific Mail Packet *Empress of India* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 17th Feb., with Mails for Shanghai, Japan, United States, Canada, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
10.00 A.M. Registry ceases.
11.00 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet, *with the Late Fee of* 10 *cents extra Postage*, until the time of departure.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

NOON.—*Brindisi* leaves for Bombay, &c.

4 p.m.—*Loongmoon* leaves for Shanghai.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, at the Company's Office, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Furniture, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's.

Amusements.

Military Concert at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Kowloon Customs Office closes from this date to the 4th February.

Registers of Shares of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, closed from this date to 13th February, both days inclusive.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, January 31:—
Goods per *Canton* not cleared after 4 p.m. subject to rent.

MONDAY, February 1:—
Transfer Books of The China Fire Insurance Company, Limited, closed from this date to 15th February, both days inclusive.
Willison's World Circus and Trained Animal Exhibition, on the Reclamation Ground, back of the City Hall.
Goods per *Arratoon Apcar* undelivered after 4 p.m. this date landed.
5.15 p.m.—Organ Recital by Mr A. G. Ward in St. John Cathedral.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

TUESDAY, February 2:—
Chinese New Year's Day.—Kowloon Customs close.
Chinese New Year's Day.—Local Banks close.
Chinese New Year's Day.—Insurance Offices close.

SATURDAY, February 6:—
Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong Ice Co., Ld., at the Company's Office, Pedders Street.

MONDAY, February 8:—
Transfer Books of The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ld., from this date to 22nd Feb., both days inclusive.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, January 29, 1897.

On London—	
Bank, Wire, ...	2/1⅝
,, On demand, ...	2/1 7/8
,, 30 days' sight, ...	2/1⅞
,, 4 months' sight, ...	2/1 15/16
Credits, 4 ,, ,, ...	2/1⅞
Documentary, 4 months' sights, ...	2/1⅝
On Paris—	
On demand, ...	2.67
Credits, 4 months' sight, ...	2.71
On Berlin—Demand,...	2.16
On New York—	
On demand, ...	51½
Credits, 60 days' sight,...	53
On Bombay—	
Wire, ...	166
On demand, ...	166½
On Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	166
On demand, ...	166½
On Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	72⅝
30 days' sight, (private paper) ...	73⅛
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, (per tael)...	$48.50
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$ 9.30
Silver (per oz.)	29 1/32d.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, July 1, 1896. 1897

BIRTH.

On the 21st Jan., at 'Waverley,' Tanglin, Singapore, the wife of G. M. PRESTON, of a Daughter.

DEATH.

On the 21st Jan., at 'Erin Villa,' Upper Wilkie Road, Singapore, MARGARET MARY DAVIDSON, the beloved Wife of Capt. John Eugene Geary.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.40 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1897.

IN its sober, severely solemn style, *The Spectator* discusses 'The Future of the Philippines,' and is apprehensive of international complications arising out of the present rebellion. Calculating the chances against Spain's success, our London contemporary sets forth the savage valour of the natives of the islands, the difficulty of preventing the import of firearms and munitions for their use, the climatic disadvantages under which the Spanish soldiers must conduct the war of repression and the drain on Spain's resources, and proceeds to say: 'It is perfectly possible that Spain may be beaten . . . . and what, if that regrettable contingency occurs, is to become of them? People forget them while they are under the sleepy rule of Spain; but they would furnish in strong hands one of the most useful "bases" of maritime empire in the world. They are splendidly fertile, they are full of forests and mineral regions, and their people need nothing but training and a liking for their officers to make not only admirable soldiers, as good probably as any Sepoys, but most efficient and plucky sailors. . . . The possessor of the Philippines, if a European Power, would be formidable to Japan, to China, to Singapore, and even for a few years to Australia, which federation, when its gristle has matured, will be master from Hobarton to Vladivostock.' That Spain is in danger of losing her hold on the Philippines, we do not for a single moment believe. By imposing a foolishly rigorous press censorate and publishing ludicrously one-sided reports of their encounters with the rebels (much the same as the Chinese generals who were—officially—slaughtering tens of thousands of Japanese whilst as a matter of fact generals and coolie soldiers were seeking safety in disorganised retreat), her officials have allowed erroneous ideas to get abroad regarding the strength of the rebels and the difficulties of the situation. There are, consequently, people who firmly believe the rebels will succeed in crushing Spanish rule in the Philippines. This is a contingency too deplorable to contemplate. In a recent interview with our correspondent at the Spanish Headquarters, General Polavieja practically said it is imperative, for the sake of all European Powers with Asiatic possessions, that Spain should succeed in subduing the rebels, and if it were likely to lead to a change in the commercial policy of these islands we would even go so far as to advocate material assistance being lent to Spain to enable her to suppress the insurrection. The Philippines cannot be suffered to become independant. As the *Spectator* says: 'There is not the material in the islands for self-government in the European sense, and the half-caste Malay General, who would in the regular course of events become Sultan, would govern more harshly than the Spaniard, and with even less attempt at vivifying the native population.' The islands have not been well-governed in the past. Like all priest-ridden countries, Spain and her Colonies lag behind in the general march of progress, and although it is too much to expect that her statesmen will advocate a curtailment of the powers hitherto held by the priests in the Philippines—the principal cause of the present rising, which, according to all reliable accounts, is directed more against the sacerdotal than the civil authorities—Spain will be wisely advised if she at once sets about the work of sweeping reform both at Home and in her few remaining territorial possessions abroad. As we have said already, we do not have the slightest apprehension of the ultimate success of the Spanish forces in the Philippines, but even if there was a danger of Spanish collapse we do not believe the European Powers most likely to be affected would stand by and permit a rebel victory.

At the same time this does not prevent us from following the *Spectator's* speculations regarding the future of the Philippines. There is a generally-entertained belief in Hongkong that Great Britain has a lien on the Philippines on account of Spain's indebtedness in the Peninsular wars. What truth there is for this belief we have been unable to discover, but if Great Britain ever possessed a reversionary interest in these rich islands it is only reasonable to suppose such an interest would have been known to the *Spectator* and would have been set in the forefront of any discussion of the future of the Philippines. No mention is made of Britain having a prior claim on the islands. Our contemporary patriotically asserts that Great Britain could best administer the islands. For two very good reasons, however, British pretensions are set aside, because (1) a British purchase would only increase Continental jealousy, and (2) we have already more possessions than we know how to garrison. Great Britain disposed of the rival claims of Japan, Russia, Germany and France all appear about equal. Japan is objected to upon the broad principle that 'no possession which has once belonged to a civilised and Christian Power can be permitted to fall back under the dominion of a Pagan one, unless, indeed, the Pagan power is evolved from amongst its own inhabitants.' Besides, 'the Government of Formosa has not yet reconciled Europe to Japanese expansion, nor did the massacre at Port Arthur induce us to look with complacent eyes upon future Japanese conquests or occupations.' Russia may be considered too fully occupied with Manchuria to seek new territory on the Equator. Germany and France, it is supposed, would eagerly jump at the Philippines if they were in the market to-morrow. Both could pay the price likely to be demanded by Spain; both are said to have maritime force sufficient to keep the islands secure. Neither would be afraid of offending Japan, says the *Spectator*; and for our own part we do not see why any of the European Powers should bother about Japan's pleasure or displeasure. We quote our contemporary's conclusion: 'We should ourselves, we think, prefer France as successor to Spain; first, because Frenchmen would, in a country closely watched by the Roman Catholic Church, be more lenient rulers than Germany; and, secondly, because, if the truth is to be stated without reserve, France never will be, or from the nature of her people can be, a formidable competitor in trade. Despite the heavy percentages she levies against us, we, and not she, trade with Tonquin.' There is something particularly artless about this confession of the *Spectator*, and yet our readers will appreciate the point it makes. However, the Philippines have not yet been brought under the auctioneer's hammer, and there is no likelihood that they will be for many years, if Spain remains in possession, and however interesting our contemporary's speculations may be, they are purely academic. Hongkong in common with all civilised communities must wish for a speedy restoration of peace in this ancient Spanish possession. It will tend to the pacification of the islands if the new Governor-General and his advisers temper justice with mercy, whatever may be his personal views on the government of Asiatics.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

(SUPPLIED THROUGH REUTER.)

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Bullmouth*, *Jens-Meinich*, Dec. 15th; *Diomed*, *Adour*, 18th; *Tellus*, *Benmohr*, *Kirkdale*, *Normanisle*, 29th; *Maria Rickmers*, *Obi*, *Sikh*, Jan. 5th; *Benvenue*, *Java*, *Pingsuey*, *Templar*, 8th; *Dardanus*, *Ningchow*, *Irene*, 19th; *Ixion*, *Palawan*, *Preussen*, *Ayr*, *Candia*, 22nd; *Agamemnon*, *Melbourne*, *Oolong*, *Dicke Rickmers*, *Normandie*, 26th.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Dorothea Rickmers*, Dec. 12th; *Manila*, *Mogul*, 15th; *Oanfa* 23rd; *Gerda*, *Benvoirlich*, *Cowrie*, 29th; *Ernest Simons*, *Japan*, Jan. 5th; *Claverhill*, 8th Jan.; *Aden*, Jan. 12th; *Thekla*, 19th; *Gisela*, 22nd; *Benledi*, *Radnorshire*, 26th.

Mails.

The M. M. s. *Oceanien*, with the next French Mail, left Saigon on the 26th Jan., at 11 a.m., for this port.

The O. & O. s. s. *Peru*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 7th Jan.

The O. & O. s. s. *Coptic*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 16th Jan.

Steamers Expected.

The N. P. S. Co. chartered steamer *Macduff*, from Tacoma, arrived at Yokohama on the 12th Jan.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on Sunday morning, Jan. 24, and may be expected here on or about the 30th Jan.

The s. s. *Glenartney*, from London and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the morning of Jan. 24.

The C. M. Co.'s s. s. *Pingsuey*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 8th Jan., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 25th.

The D. D. R. str. *Kriemhild*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 28th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 31st Jan.

The N. P. S. Co.'s s. s. *Braemar* has arrived at Yokohama and will sail from that port on the 31st Jan.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Patroclus*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the afternoon of the 27th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd Feb.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Ningchow*, from Liverpool and Newport, passed the Canal on the 19th Jan., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 6th Feb.

The s. s. *Monmouthshire* left Victoria for Yokohama and China via Honolulu on the 30th Dec.

The E. & A. str. *Airlie*, from Sydney, left Port Darwin on Friday, the 22nd Jan., for Timor and Hongkong.

The C. M. Co.'s str. *Oolong*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 26th Jan., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 13th Feb.

Latest Advices.

The P. M. s. s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 23rd Jan.

The N. P. K. s. s. *Tokio Maru*, Australian steamer, left Thursday Island for this port on the morning of Jan. 20th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 9th Feb.

The Imp. German Mail s. s. *Prinz Heinrich*, has left Shanghai on the 26th Jan., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday night, the 31st Jan.

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THE old *Memnon* left Singapore for Jeddah on the 20th inst. with pilgrims.

THE *Straits Times* Indian Famine Relief subscription list had reached $9,602 on the 21st inst.

PROPOSALS have been made in Singapore to commemorate the Queen's record reign by erecting a statue.

ON our fifth page will be found an interesting article on 'Experts in Handwriting' taken from the late Mr Montagu Williams' *Leaves of a Life*.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley in the second round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield A Company, W. Y. R., will play D Company, W. Y. R.; kick off at 4 p.m. Referee:—Mr A. E. M. Head, R. A.

AT a meeting of the Singapore Municipal Council on the 20th inst., the report that there had been cases of plague in the southern Colony was given a denial. The *Straits Times* emphasises the improbability of plague getting a footing in Singapore.

THE General Post Office and Money Order Office will be closed on Chinese New Year's Day (2nd February). If the Shanghai Mail arrives the Office will be opened for delivery for one hour only, but no letters will be sent out. The night box will be left open.

ON the 25th Dec., the steamer *St. Mawes Castle* was posted at Lloyd's as missing. The *St. Mawes Castle* was a small steamer of 250 tons, which left Liverpool on the 14th March for Fremantle, Australia. She arrived at Capetown, and left there on the 11th July last.

MR A. G. Ward, organist at St. John's Cathedral, will give a recital on Monday, the 1st February. This is Mr Ward's first recital in Hongkong, and as the Cathedral organ has received a thorough overhaul, a musical treat is in store for the public. Solos will be sung by Mrs Stanley and Mr E. A. Measor.

THE annual tea and meeting in connection with the Wesleyan Garrison Church were held at Wanchai last night. The Rev. W. Musson, chaplain, presided, and during the evening addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. Bone, Canton, and Rev. A. Beattie, Canton.

THE Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-night:—

1.—Overture... 'The Barber of Seville' ......*Rossini.*
2.—Polka ...... 'Now and Then' ......*Coote.*
3.—Selection... 'Boccaccio' ......*Suppe.*
4.—Song ...... 'The Garden of Sleep' ......*De Lara.*
5.—Waltz ...... 'Blue Danube' ......*Gung'l.*
6.—Selection... 'La Favorita' ......*Donizetti.*

God Save the Queen.

Wm. Geo. Bentley, A.R.C.M., Bandmaster.

ON the 21st inst. Reuter informed us that 'Major Rawson' was in command of the Benin Punitive Expedition; in Singapore, they have it that Admiral Rawson, C.B., Naval Commander-in-chief of the Cape of Good Hope and the West Coast of Africa, takes direct charge of the operations, which will be largely riverine.

ON the 27th inst., we gave a quotation from 'A Cycle of Cathay' which we credited to Dr Williams, the author of 'The Middle Kingdom.' 'A Cycle of Cathay' was written by Dr W. A. P. Martin, President-Emeritus of the Tung-wen College. We understand that Dr Martin has decided to devote himself entirely to work amongst the Chinese.

WE are informed by Mr H. E. Pollock, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League, that the petition against any reduction being made in the Navy Estimates has been signed by 462 British subjects in Hongkong (excluding members of the Civil, Naval and Military Services, who have not signed). In addition to the above thirty-one signatures were obtained from Canton and thirty from Amoy.

IN view of the extension of the bubonic plague in the East, the Chairman of the Melbourne Board of Health was consulted by the Postal Department as to whether any precautions should be taken to prevent infection through the mails. Dr Gresswell stated, in reply, that it would be advisable to fumigate all mails arriving from Bombay, Hongkong, and the south-eastern parts of China. This course will be adopted for the future.

EIGHT Chinamen were baptised in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, on the 6th inst. The Primate conducted the service, which was attended by many Chinese. The Primate preached. The Dean of Sydney read the first lesson, and the Bishop of Auckland the second. The Rev. Soo Hoo Ten read the prayers in Chinese. The Ven. Archdeacon Langley presented the Chinamen, and Dr Houison acted as their sponsor.

THE Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment will play the following programme at the Military Concert in the City Hall to-morrow evening:—

1.—March...... 'Pere la Victoire' ...... *Louis Ganne.*
2.—Overture ... 'Maritana' ...... *Wallace.*
3.—Piccolo ...... 'The Wren' ...... *Demare.*
4.—Three Dances { (a) Morris (b) Shepherds' (c) Torch } *E. German.*
5.—{ Descriptive Fantasia } { 'The Smithy in the Wood' } ... *Michaelis.*
6.—Cornet Solo 'The Lost Chord' ...... *Sullivan.*
7.—Ballet Music 'William Tell' ...... *Rossini.*

Interval.

8.—The British Army Quadrilles ......

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VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At Kowloon—Lakin, Empress of India, Altmore.

Cosmopolitan—Nanchang, Independent.

Aberdeen.—(None).

30 NEW PIANOS just arrived; best makers, Also Cabin and Transposing Pianos, guaranteed for the climate. W. Robinson & Co.

A LONDON telegram dated 6th January states that the Japanese Government has purchased the Brazilian cruiser *Almirante Barrozo.*

AT the Regular Convocation of the Victoria Chapter No. 525 E.C., held last night the election of Principals and Officers took place and resulted as follows:—M. E. Z., Ex. Comp. G. A. Caldwell; H., Ex. Comp. D. Macdonald; J, Comp. R. Mitchell; Scribe E., Comp. G. Piercy Jr.; Scribe N., Comp. W. J. Tutcher; P.S. Comp. G. J. B. Sayer; Treasurer, Comp. H. M. H. Uimazee; Janitor., Comp. J. Maxwell.

A CRICKET match will take place to-morrow, commencing at eleven o'clock, between teams representing Public Schools and Universities and the Rest of the Club. The following will play for the Public Schools and Universities:—M. D. Wood, Rev. G. R. Vallings, P. A. Cox, A. G. Ward, Surgeon Peach, R.N.; W. M. Thompson, R.E.; R. L. Richardson, P. W. Cobbold, St. Perry Ayscough, R.N.; Surgeon-Major Johnston, Lt. Ryall, W.Y.R.

A SHOCKING case of cruelty and neglect was yesterday brought to the notice of the Police. Two days ago some fishermen were fishing with dynamite near Laichikok and in the course of the operations one poor fellow had both his arms blown off above the elbow. The people who were along with him put him ashore and left him lying on the beach enduring terrible agony. Yesterday he was discovered by some customs officers lying on the beach almost insensible. They reported the matter to Dr Rennie, who ordered the man's removal to the Alice Memorial Hospital with all possible speed, but he died on the voyage across the harbour. When discovered the stumps of the man's arms were covered with maggots.

THE *Taiyuan*, which arrived to-day from Australia, brings information of a terrific storm round the coast of Australia. When the vessel reached Port Darwin the port was found to be a perfect wreck. The storm which has been described as a little tornado swept over Port Darwin on the 6th inst. The houses were principally built of wood with sheet iron roofs, but a few of the more important buildings were of stone. During the gale the rain fell in torrents, and upwards of ten inches fell during the day. The principal street which was lined with Japanese stores presents a pitiful spectacle, being one mass of debris. The Commercial Bank, a stone building of considerable dimensions had the roof carried away and the walls blown in. The manager and his wife had a narrow escape. The China Navigation Company's offices are completely wrecked. In the harbour the storm has done terrific damage. Pearling luggers have disappeared in great numbers and since the storm nothing has been heard of the Government launch. When the ship left Port Darwin over twenty lives were known to have been lost. There is not a house in the place that has escaped damage, and a photograph of the main street shows nothing but a confused mass of wreckage. The storm has been felt very severely in Sydney. There appears to have been one or two serious gales previously, as a tornado is reported to have caused damage to the extent of £8000 at Nevertire, on the line from Sydney to Bourke, in Christmas week.

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EMERSON is reported often to have spent six months to a year in the composition of one or two short essays. His object was the condensation of the greatest possible thought in the fewest number of words.

THERE was a double shock of earthquake a minute or two after 6 o'clock on the morning of the 18th inst. It was alarming enough on the hill and in houses built on made ground, but it was most felt by residents on the river side.—*Foochow Echo.*

FATHER Carvalho of the Portuguese Mission left Singapore on the 20th inst., by the Italian steamer *Bisagno* for Hongkong, *en route* to Macao. Since the unfortunate shooting fatality at Malacca, Father Carvalho has become a shadow of his former self and much sympathy is felt for him in his present position.

THE flags of the Norddeutscher Lloyd Company at the offices in Melbourne were proudly flying yesterday (says the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 7th inst.) in honour of the arrival there of the largest steamer that has ever crossed the Equator. Her arrival may well be taken as marking an epoch in the history of shipping in the Southern Hemisphere. There have been vessels here up to 7000 tons gross register, but this leviathan beats this record by no less than 50 per cent., for in the advent of the *Friedrich der Grosse* there is represented a floating warehouse of 10,500 tons capacity, a ship, which, if her authorised passenger space (quite independent of her cargo room) was filled, would be a floating township, having a population of nearly 3000 souls.

THE twenty-shilling rate, agreed upon by the Straits Homeward conference came into existence on the 1st of January, subject to a rebate to shippers who confine their shipments entirely to conference steamers. On the 19th Jan., says the *Straits Times*, the rates have been raised to 22s./6d. for February, and 25/- for March and April. Tin has gone up from 5s. before the conference started to 15s. for February, March, and April. In outward rates there has been a rise of from 30s/. at the beginning of the year to 42/6d. now for fine cargo (measurement), and nearly all the steamers leaving the United Kingdom have been shutting down cargo heavily. Trade seems much livelier than it has been for some time, tonnage being very scarce both homewards and outwards. It is considered doubtful, however, whether the increase of the Straits homeward rate has not been too sudden. It is a temptation to outside ships to come in.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F. C. *v.* H.M.S. 'CENTURION.'

(SHIELD TIE).

Played at Happy Valley yesterday. A fitful wind, blowing a gale at times, swept down the ground. The ropes were lined by a large and enthusiastic crowd, who greeted the 'Centos' heartily as they filed on to the field and proceeded to undergo the usual 'photo' ordeal.

The Club were a man short—Slade—and it was 4.20 when a start was made, the Club having the village end, and the wind in their favour.

From the kick-off the ball went out at once, the wind taking charge of everything that went high. From the throw in the Club made a smart run up to the Cento's goal, securing a free kick right in front, but only to kick over. The Centos' goalkeeper made a grand kick-off, but the ball was soon returned and the Club again pressed, but only kicked out. The throw in was taken and smartly run up by Gordon who passed with capital judgment to Mayson, and the latter almost scored. Some quick exchanges round the Centos' goal ended in the Club securing a corner. The kick was well taken, but the Centos' worried it away and made a short run. At mid-field they lost the leather which again went near their citadel, travelling right across the goal. More corner play, and kicking out to relieve pressure, was followed by another short break away by the Centos. Again the ball was taken from them and returned smartly to goal, the Centos kicking out to save. From the throw in the Club pressed and a grand shot was just marred by a quick gust of wind taking the ball over the bar. The kick off was well returned by the Club who secured a corner. This was resultless and the Centos got well away, their right wing running the ball down finely and centreing accurately. Wood ran out, but the ball was toted back towards the wing that centred it and easily trundled in. An easy goal, but owing everything to luck and the custodian's error of judgment. One to the Centos. Kicking off the ball kept a while at midfield. Then the Centos' left wing made a fine run and foiled the Club's backs completely. Wood ran far out, say 10 yards and kicked away, a risky proceeding. The wind now rose to such a pitch that play was haphazard at the best. When dust storm and wind were over the Club made a good run down the centre, and secured a corner. This was well placed, and after some head play a fine shot was sent in and was cleverly stopped by the Cento's goalkeeper. The Club men had bunched around their opponents' goal and the ball being kicked strongly by a Cento back, their forwards had a clear run down to the Club's end, Pinckney clearing at the last minute. The ball was then kept for a time in the Centos' half, and Mayson had hard lines in not scoring. The attention paid to this player by the Centos was most marked. They incessantly hustled him off the ball and disregarded their wing opponents entirely. Again the Centos made a big run down and Slade had to kick out. From the throw in the wind again took charge and some wild exchanges about midfield ended in the Club again pressing. When matters looked threatening the Club had to concede a free kick for 'hands,' and the Centos followed up the kick so well that only a brilliant piece of play by Looker kept them from closing up on the Club's goal. Again the Centos came up and secured a corner. The kick went behind, but from the kick off the Centos came on again and shot over the bar. The Club got the kick off well away, but had a sorry piece of luck, a miniature tornado driving the ball on faster than the forwards ran and sending it over the line on the right. The Club brought the ball smartly back from the kick-off and pressed till the Centos kicked out. From the throw in the Club still pressed and shot a bye. The Centos claimed and obtained a free kick directly after the kick off. It was well placed, but the Club relieved strongly. Soon the Centos were pressing again but only to find play useless in a more than usually windy two minutes. Still they pressed well and gamely but had to give back at last, and the Club ran the ball down and kicked over on the right. Again a kick off and again a free kick brought the Centos well up. They sent in two shots in quick succession but both were well saved by Wood fisting out. Play then went to midfield and a lot of kicking out followed. The Centos made a series of rushes. Wood fisted out their first shot, Slade foiled the second and Pinckney the third, but the Centos were still well up in the Club's half at half-time.

So far the Centos had played well together. They placed the fullest trust in their backs and the forwards lay well up, too well at times. On form they quite outclassed the Club, but their shooting lacked power. The Club were slow and at times, clumsy, and never far enough up to carry out a rush.

Starting again the Club made the first onslaught, but the Centos soon got the ball and made run after run well down to the Club's goal. Pinckney had some hot sharp work and cleared grandly. Hands against the Club in front of goal led to some quick play, but the Club at length worked the ball back to midfield. Hands again led to a well-placed free-kick by the Centos, from the play following which they all but scored. They pressed strongly and put in some remarkable show play by jumping, kicking back, &c. Once the Club got up to their opponents' goal, and in spite of the gale Mayson sent in a grand shot which the Cento goalkeeper foiled in fine style. Helped by the wind the kick-out was run down and a sharp call on the Club's goal was ably checked by Pinckney. Twice the Centos shot, and finally Pinckney had to dribble away to midfield to clear. Another rush by the Centos led to quite a scrimmage out of which the Club had difficulty in clearing. Finally a long shot saved by Wood led to a corner. This was not well taken and play drifted to midfield for a while. Soon the Centos came on again and again Pinckney cleared. At last the Club got up—well up—but without avail. Mayson at centre was far ahead of the wings and when tackled had no one to transfer to. Coming up again he chose to shoot rather than lose the ball, and sent in a long driving shot which the wind turned to one side and it went over the line. The Centos now made a run, but the Club were soon up again and obtained a corner. Nothing came of it and the wind had once more its own sweet will with the ball. Going down with the wind the Centos pressed, secured a corner, and kept down a while. Twice the Club got away and it wanted only a little dash in the wings to make scoring a certainty, the Cento backs going easy for the nonce. Working steadily back the Centos made some strong bids and all but scored through Wood rushing out at the wrong moment. Pinckney interposed and a corner followed. Nothing came of the corner and the Club worked the ball away up the left wing, finally centreing much too early. Again Mayson had to trust to a long shot which went wide. From the kick-off the Centos pressed and tried shot after shot. One of these shots was going wide and was all but out when Wood caught the ball and kicked it. It rebounded from one of the players into goal. Two to the Centos. The air was filled with the caps of their supporters and the applause was tremendous. Kicking off again it looked as though the Club would score even yet. Gordon brought the ball down the right twice and the second time put in a fine shot which the Cento custodian fisted out grandly into touch. This rush soon died away, however, and the Centos were again threatening the Club's goal when time was called. Result:—Centos 2, Hongkong 0.

The result was emphatically and entirely a goalkeeping matter. The Club custodian was mainly to blame for the points scored against his team. The wings were certainly lacking in speed and dash and the combination not of the best, yet, given steady goal defence, the game ought to have been a draw. The match was played in the friendliest spirit.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

FINAL ROUND IN THE COMMODORE'S CUP RACES.

On Saturday last, in a light but steady S.E. breeze, the *Erica* (Mr A. Denison) and the *Meteor* (Mr T. W. Lammert) sailed what was practically a match in the final round for the Commodore's Cup for first class boats, there being no other boats which had any chance of winning. The course was from the Police Pier, Kowloon, round mark boat off Whitfeild (port), No. 1 Dock, Channel rocks (starboard), and in, 7½ miles. The start was at 2 p.m. The light wind suited the *Erica* better than her opponent and she won by 2 minutes and 15 seconds and took the Cup. Mr Donison has established quite a monopoly in Commodore's Cups.

On the same day and over the same course the *Phœbe* and *Chanticleer* sailed a match. Mr May's boat, sailing well in the light wind, won by 2 minutes.

In the second class *Dart*, *She*, *Ladybird*, and *Elfin* sailed in the final round for the Cup for their class, the times at the finish being—

	H.	M.	S.
Ladybird	3	39	58
Dart	3	40	11
She	3	40	54
Elfin	3	43	58

The corrected times being—

	H.	M.	S.	
Elfin	3	36	58	1st, 10 marks.
She	3	37	24	2nd, 4 „
Ladybird	3	38	38	3rd, 1 „
Dart	3	40	11	

The *She* took the Commodore's Cup for second class, having scored 18 marks in the three races to *Elfin's* 14 and *Dart's* 11.

On the same day and over the same course the *Dart*, *She*, and *Ladybird* re-sailed the sixth Club race for second class which was interrupted by the foundering of the *Active*. The *She* won, the *Dart* being second.

The marks for the Championship in the second class are now as follows:—

She	38 marks.
Dart	29 „
Ladybird	11 „
Payne	4 „
Seabreeze	4 „
Eileen	2 „

KOWLOON FERRY SERVICE.

NEW DOUBLE-ENDED LAUNCH.

The growing importance of Kowloon as a residential suburb of Victoria has been recognised in various ways and the necessity in the near future of a further improvement in the ferry service has suggested itself to Mr Dorabjee. It was only a few months ago that owing to the requisition of the Kowloon residents Mr Dorabjee instituted an accelerated service, which appears to be giving every satisfaction; but to further im the service Mr Dorabjee has just contracted with the Hongkong and Kowloon Dock Company to build a vessel of the latest pattern and the building operations have already been commenced. It is estimated that in eight or nine months the new steamer will be placed on the run. The steamer is be constructed with two passenger decks, and will be capable of steaming either way, which will economise the time now taken up in turning by the present launches. She will be 90 feet in length, 18 feet broad at water line and 20 feet broad at the deck, with a moulded depth of 8 feet 6 inches. She is to be fitted with compound condensing engines, working two propellers placed at either end of the vessel. There will be two boilers designed to work at a pressure of 120 lbs. per square inch. The vessel will be composite in construction.

The first class accommodation will be on the upper or 'shade' deck, which will be supported on stanchions above the lower deck, to be used for the accommodation of second class passengers and Chinese. On the first class deck the seats will be placed facing the direction the vessel is steaming and also round two deck houses or cabins, to be used as shelters in bad weather. These cabins are to be beautifully upholstered. There will be accommodation on this deck for about one hundred passengers. An awning will extend along the whole length of the deck, supported by stanchions. On the lower deck accommodation will be provided for over two hundred passengers. The vessel will be steered from this deck by two wheels placed at each end. Access will be had to the upper deck by means of folding gangways attached to the vessel. Movable gangways will be provided for the lower deck. Besides carrying passengers on the lower deck provision will also be made for the accommodation of ponies and rickshas. It is expected the vessel will attain a speed of ten and a-half knots an hour, and time will also be saved in not having to turn. The manager of the ferry launches is to be complimented on his enterprise in catering for the comfort of the public.

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THE price of Raub shares continues to improve. There was, it is understood, a meeting of the Singapore directors, Messrs T. Scott, J. Anderson and G. S. Murray, the mine manager, Mr W. Bibby, being present also, on the 20th inst. A further dividend, it is believed, will be recommended to the Brisbane Board for sanction, and in the course of correspondence may become payable in March. From a consideration of the present working expenses and the fairly steady returns from the work now going on the prospect of a succession of fair dividends may be said to be assured. The £1 shares (4 shillings paid) are now enquired for at $10, and holders are not selling. The paid-up shares are quoted at $13.—*Singapore Free Press.*

HUSBAND—Did you see me kiss my hand to you this morning after I had left the house? Wife—Why, John, I wasn't near the window then. Husband—I wonder who it was! Wife—I'm sure I don't know. Oh, by the bye, the servant told me this morning she had decided she would stay with us another month.

THE YOKOHAMA POISONING CASE.

IMPUTATIONS AGAINST MISS JACOB.

CLOSE OF DEFENCE.

(*Special Telegram from Our Own Correspondent*).

KOBE, Friday, Jan. 29.

Mr J. L. Lowder, Mrs Carew's counsel, withdrew the imputations made by a Japanese witness of improprieties between Miss Jacob and the deceased Mr Carew.

The case for the defence closes to-day.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, Jan. 27.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The House of Commons has voted the Address.

THE PLAGUE CONFERENCE.

The Plague Conference will meet at Venice on the 10th February.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

The first cargo of Russian grain collected for the relief of the Indian Famine sails from Odessa in a few days.

THE PLAGUE AT BOMBAY.

The plague at Bombay is unabated.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

"On 29th at 11.30 a. Pressure has continued to increase in the North, but remains low in an area embracing the S. coast of China and the Gulf of Tongking. Forecast:—, S. to E. winds, probably freshening; unsettled, some rain.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

DR JAMESON'S CONDITION CAUSING ANXIETY.

London, Jan. 2.—The condition of Dr Jameson, who was lately released from prison, on the ground of ill-health, is causing much anxiety to his friends.

ILLNESS OF PRINCESS LOUISE.

Jan. 5.—Princess Louise, fourth daughter of Queen Victoria, and wife of the Marquis of Lorne, who was reported to be suffering from illness, is recovering.

NEW YEAR HONOURS.

Jan. 1.—The following New Year honours have been conferred:—C.B.: Mr W. Conyngham Greene, British Resident at Pretoria. Baronets: Mr Frederick Wills, of the firm of Messrs Wills and Co., tobacco manufacturers; Mr Elliott Lees, M.P. for Birkenhead. K.C.M.G.: Mr G. Turner, Premier of Victoria. Fourteen knighthoods have been conferred.

RESIGNATION OF LORD JUSTICE KAY.

London, Jan. 4.—The Right Hon. Sir Edward Ebenezer Kay, one of the Lords Justices of the Court of Appeal, has resigned. He will be succeeded by the Hon. Sir Joseph William Chitty, one of the Judges of the Chancery division of the High Court of Justice.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT TO A VESSEL.

Dec. 31.—A drilling vessel which was engaged in deepening the Devonport dockyard has met with an extraordinary accident. A gale was blowing, and after a charge of dynamite had been placed in the dock by those in the vessel, the gale caught the vessel and drove it over the area of the explosion. The vessel was capsized and two of those on board were drowned. Fifty others escaped with great difficulty.

ACCIDENT TO SIR HENRY IRVING.

Jan. 4.—Sir Henry Irving, the famous actor-manager, has severely injured his knee by an accident, and is unable to appear on the stage. It is expected that it will be some weeks before he recovers the full use of his knee.

THE RUSSELL SCANDAL.

Dec. 23.—Amberley Cottage, the Thames riverside residence of Earl Russell, at Maidenhead, has been destroyed by fire. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Dec. 24.—Earl Russell has received letters threatening to shoot him.

PROMINENT MEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

London, Jan. 2.—Lord William Beresford, V.C., who met with a serious accident while stag-hunting at Gatwick, Surrey, is improving. He is suffering from a fractured pelvis. His horse struck a fence and turned a somersault, falling on Lord William.

Jan. 6.—Mr Henry Chaplin, M.P., president of the Local Government Board, was thrown from his horse while hunting at Trentham Hall, the seat of the Duke of Sutherland, in Staffordshire, yesterday. He was seriously injured. Mr Henry Chaplin is a familiar figure in English politics. He was appointed president of the Local Government Board in June, 1895, and represents the Sleaford division of Lincolnshire in the House of Commons. He was the first president of the Board of Agriculture, and was a member of the Agriculture Commission of 1893.]

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Dec. 24.—The Rev. Hugh MacMillan, of Greenock, has been elected Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland.

SUICIDE OF AN ENGLISH AUTHOR.

A mysterious occurrence is reported to have taken place in Paris. Mr Hubert Crackenthorpe, an English author, left a hotel a fortnight ago at which he was staying in Paris, intending to go for a walk. His body has since been found in the Seine.

[Mr Hubert Crackenthorpe was not a voluminous writer, but he had made a mark among the newest men. He was a contributor to the 'Yellow Book,' and he published in 1894 a volume called 'Wreckage,' grimy but powerful studies.]

Dec. 26.—It is believed that Mr Crackenthorpe committed suicide.

A NAVAL FIGHT.

It is reported from the United States that the filibustering vessel *Three Friends*, while off the Cuban coast with arms intended for the rebels, had a sharp conflict with a Spanish gunboat. The filibuster landed her arms and succeeded in escaping, after a second fight, in which she disabled two Spanish cruisers by means of heavy cannonading with quick-firing guns.

FREE RESEARCH LABORATORY.

Dec. 23.—The Prince of Wales yesterday opened a Free Research Laboratory in London, which has been endowed by Dr Ludwig Mond to the extent of £100,000. Lord Rayleigh and Professor Dewar are directors of the laboratory.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.—THE RECENT TREATY.

Dec. 30.—The *National Zeitung*, a daily newspaper of Berlin, states that the recently-published treaty between Russia and China is but the fragment of a wider agreement, the ultimate effect of which will be to assign Port Arthur to Russia.

The *Times* says that it is clear that Russia has secured a short cut through Manchuria, and points out that her action in thus obtaining commercial advantages overland is in contravention to the 'favoured nation' agreement.

THE PACIFIC-ATLANTIC STEAM SERVICE.

Dec. 29.—The Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier of the Canadian Dominion, is disgusted at the efforts which are being made by Sir Charles Tupper, the late Premier of Canada, to rush the acceptance of the tender of the Allan line for the new fast Atlantic mail service in connection with the Sydney-Vancouver line, especially after Sir Charles's previous attempts to discredit the scheme. Mr Laurier considers that Mr James Huddart is equally able with the Allan line to raise the capital necessary to execute the contract, and thinks it would be an advantage to have both the Pacific and Atlantic services under the same management.

PRUSSIAN FINANCE.

The Prussian Government is converting the whole of its 4 per cent. consols into 3½ per cents.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

Jan. 1.—The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* states that the continued signs of Germany's animosity towards Great Britain constitute the chief feature of the past year's foreign relations.

DUELING IN GERMANY.

Jan. 5.—The authority of German Courts of Honour has been extended so as to include challenges issued by military officers to civilians. The public considers that this will not have the effect of putting a stop to dueling.

Jan. 6.—The Emperor William has issued an edict upon the subject. He does not forbid dueling, but declares that many of the duels that are fought are needless. He advises the officers to be more conciliatory in the future.

THE PACIFIC CABLE COMMISSION.

A progress report from the Cable Commission states that all arrangements have been completed, and that everything now depends on the amount of the Imperial subsidy.

THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE.

Baroness Hirsch, widow of the late millionaire, Baron Hirsch, has presented 2,000,000 francs (£80,000) to the Pasteur Institute at Paris.

ACTIVITY IN FRENCH SHIPBUILDING YARDS.

Great naval activity is being displayed in France. All the shipbuilding yards are fully employed, and the newspapers are discussing the advisability of placing orders for new men-of-war with English shipbuilders.

THE ARMING OF EUROPE.

London, Dec. 24.—General Billot, the French Minister for War, has brought forward a proposal in the Chamber of Deputies for the formation of an additional battalion of infantry, bringing up the number of divisional regiments of the line to 145.

The decision of the French military authorities to introduce the Canet gun in the army will probably have the effect of compelling Germany to improve her artillery at a cost of 200,000,000 marks.

Jan. 4.—The military authorities of Austria-Hungary have decided upon an expenditure of 100,000,000 marks for the introduction of quick-fire artillery in the Army.

Mr Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the *Times*, reveals the fact that the resignation of M. Berthelot, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, in March last, was the direct outcome of the objections of Russia to the minatory policy of Great Britain in Egypt.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Dec. 24.—Jacob Gaudaur has challenged the world to row for the sculling championship at Toronto, Canada, in June next. He has also issued a challenge to row either C. R. Harding, or J. A. Barry, the Wandsworth sculler, in England, in August.

Jan. 1.—The Christmas Open Handicap, rowed on the Tyne, was won by W. Haines, of Putney. Tom Sullivan, the ex-Australian sculler, retired. T. Wray, the New South Wales sculler, who accompanied Stanbury to England, was beaten in the third round. Sullivan has, since the race, issued a challenge to the winner. Wray has challenged C. R. Harding to row on the Thames, for £200 a side.

Jan. 6.—W. Haines has been matched to row C. Stephenson, of New South Wales, on the Thames, on the 1st February. A fortnight later Haines will row Tom Sullivan.

MR CECIL RHODES.

Dec. 26.—In the course of his speech at Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, on the occasion of his recent public reception in that city, Mr Cecil Rhodes complained that the present administration of Rhodesia was out of sympathy with himself. He referred to the 'unctuous rectitude' of British feeling. Mr Rhodes also stated that some years ago the late Mr C. S. Parnell, when leader of the Irish party, promised him that he would introduce a clause in the Home Rule Bill allowing the colonies to send representatives to sit in the House of Commons. The hostile tone of Mr Rhodes' speech in much commented on in Cape Town.

Jan. 4.—Dr E. J. P. Jorissen, a judge of the criminal court at Pretoria, in the Transvaal, acted as spokesman of a deputation of leading residents of Pretoria, which waited upon President Kruger to protest against the action of the British and Dutch residents of the Cape in fêting Mr Cecil Rhodes, who was regarded by the deputation as the 'chief criminal' of the Jameson raid. Judge Jorissen condemned the Cape for its action while claiming to value the friendship of the Transvaal. He denounced the public demonstrations in favour of Mr Cecil Rhodes an an insult to the Transvaal Republic, and added that the proceedings were ominous for the future. President Kruger appeared to be deeply moved by the representations of the deputation, and remained silent.

The *Times* this morning says that Mr Rhodes is guilty of bad taste.

Jan. 6.—Mr Cecil Rhodes was banqueted in Cape Town last night. He sails for England to-day. Two hundred prominent Afrikanders of Cape Town have forwarded to Mr Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, a memorial embodying a strong protest against the ovations accorded to Mr Rhodes in Cape Town. It is reported that President Kruger is angry at the utterances of Mr Rhodes at the public demonstrations accorded him, which the President considers will have the effect of upsetting the efforts to bring about a good racial feeling in South Africa.

THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA.

Dec. 26.—M. Blowitz says that the European Powers have forwarded a joint communication to President Cleveland, informing him in friendly terms that the Powers would not remain impassive if the Cubans were recognised as belligerents and encouraged by the United States. There was an uneasy feeling in Europe at the action of the United States in regard to Cuba, which was considered menacing to those Powers possessing territory in proximity to Cuba. In the event of the United States officially siding with the Cubans, Germany, M. Blowitz declares, is ready to take the part of Spain.

A FILIBUSTER SCUTTLED—NARROW ESCAPE OF AN AMERICAN NOVELIST.

Jan. 4.—Later reports from New York with regard to the foundering of the filibustering steamer *Commodore*, while on the voyage from Jacksonville, Florida, with arms and ammunition for the Cuban rebels, state that the vessel was deliberately scuttled, and the pumps were tampered with. Six Cubans, who were on board, are missing.

Jan. 5.—Sixteen of the *Commodore's* crew were drowned.

The *Commodore* was scuttled owing to treachery on the part of the Spanish authorities. One of the survivors, who is suspected of having assisted in the scuttling, is being closely watched by the United States officials.

Mr Stephen Crane, the well-known American novelist, who was proceeding with the steamer as correspondent for one of the New York journals narrowly escaped being drowned, only succeding in getting into a small boat at the last moment.

AFFAIRS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

December 27.—It was recently announced that Lord Rosemead, Governor of Cape Colony and High Commissioner for South Africa, had summoned a brigade of Griqualand volunteers for the purpose of suppressing an outbreak by the Taungs natives, who recently fired upon a body of police while they were shooting cattle suffering from the rinderpest. News is now to hand that a body of police and volunteers attacked a strong force of Bechuana natives, estimated to number fully 5000. The natives were armed with rifles and assegais, and were commanded by the Bechuana chief Galishwe. The attacking force carried the first position at Pakwani. Two officers were wounded. Walala, the chief of the Taungs native reserve, remained passive during the fighting.

[Griqualand, which is chiefly inhabited by Kaffirs, was annexed to Cape Colony in 1871, shortly after the discovery of the diamond fields near the Vaal. It was completely incorporated with Cape Colony in 1880. Mr Francis R. Thompson, a well-known Matabele pioneer, who recently arrived in London from South Africa, has given to a representative of Reuter's Agency a very alarming account of the spread of the rinderpest and of the serious effect which it must have on the South African colonies. Mr. Thompson's opinion is entitled to weight, as for a time he acted as Special Rinderpest Commissioner appointed by the Cape Parliament during its last session. Mr. Thompson considers that the plague cannot now be stopped, that it will run through the whole Cape Colony and Natal, and that not 1 per cent. of the cattle in Cape Colony can be saved. If the policy of killing cattle and compensating is pursued with the colonial natives he is convinced that we shall have to face one of the biggest wars Africa has ever experienced. His last advice to the Government was that they should save their money, let the pest run its course, and when all is over compensate the deserving people.]

Jan. 4.—A British punitive force in South Africa sent against the Angoni Zulus, ascended a mountain to a height of 1500ft., and proceeding by an unused track, came up with the natives, who were completely routed. The Zulu chief, Csikusi, was afterwards captured, tried by the court-martial, and shot.

A NEW AUTOMATIC STOKER.

Reference was made in these columns a few days ago to a new automatic contrivance for stoking boiler furnaces, which, so far as its application to marine engineering, had been put into operation for the first time during the U.S. Company's *Mararoa's* recent trip from New Zealand ports to Sydney. Yesterday one of our reporters was given an opportunity of examining this machine, and also of conversing with its inventor, Mr George Claydon, who was a passenger by the steamer. The whole thing is of so simple a character that—as is the case with many useful mechanical appliances—the only wonder is that it was not thought of long ago. In front and above the furnace doors are fixed 'hoppers,' capable of containing when filled perhaps a couple of hundred-weight of ordinary steam coal. By gravitation the coal falls from these receptacles on to what may be called a thrust screw, which, slowly revolving by means of a tiny engine, carries the fuel into the furnace, and deposits it evenly on the upper surface of the fore bars immediately in front of the furnace doors. The principle of the machine mainly lies in the shape and 'pitch' of the fire bars. In form they are a short segment of a circle—indeed, their shape closely resembles that of an aborigine's so-called 'sword.' But the handle part is placed several inches higher than the point, giving an angle to the blade of somewhere about 45 degrees. The result is that when once the fire is burning fairly it is fed by continuous sprinklings of fresh fuel from the hoppers, and this new coal is ignited so early on its career to the ashpit that it becomes a live mass, practically retorted, through the flames of which the smoke must pass to obtain egress by the funnel vent. And the smoke is, in consequence, almost entirely consumed, for all that is given off is more vaporous than smoky in appearance. The thrust of the screw gradually presses the fire forward, and by the time all the combustible matter in the fuel has done its work the residuum of the clinkers or ashes has either fallen through or rolled down the steep incline of the fire bars into the ashpits, whence it can be raked out readily. The stoker is not required to stand in the dreadful glare of the open furnace door to feed the fire or to 'slice' or 'prick' the glowing mass of coal. He need hardly open the door at all. But if he finds that the coal is 'caking' he can 'ship' a lever on to the handle parts of the bars which project beyond the doors, and by moving it up and down clean his fire without any arduous labour or personal inconvenience. There seems little doubt that this invention is bound to make a welcome change in the existence of marine stokers. It minimises the heat of the stokehole, and if it served no other good purpose, a substantal advantage would accrue. The invention of this machine came about in a rather curious way. Mr George Croll, the Government Inspector of Machinery at Christchurch, New Zealand, objected to the smoke nuisance arising from the big flour mills of Messrs. Woods Brothers at Addington, which is a near suburb of that city. Mr Claydon set about the contrivance of something to obviate that nuisance, and after much thought and many experiments he hit upon this apparatus. From the first trial, almost, it largely abated the smoke from the chimney stacks, and further experiments showed its value in the matter of economy of fuel and the saving of time and labour. Mr M'Murdo, the chief engineer of the *Mararoa*, holds the opinion, after his experience of the machine, that it will yet come generally into use, although the trial on his ship has not been carried out under the most fortuitous condition.—*Sydney Morning Herald.*

Hongkong Register.

	Previous day at 4 p.m.	On date at 10 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.85	29.94	29.84
Temperature	78	75	75
Humidity ...	63	79	80
Direction of Wind ...	S	SW	S
Force	3	5	2
Weather	c	c	c
Rain	—	0.02	—

Highest open air temperature on the 28th......78
Lowest open air temperature on the 28th......62

F. G. FIGG, *First Assistant*,

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 29, 1897.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 31st January, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 25, 1897. 175

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

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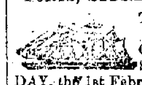
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Hongkong, January 21, 1897. 154

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.



The Co.'s Steamship *Myrmidon*, Captain GARDNER, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 27, 1897. 124

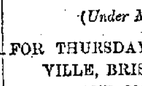
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract).

FOR THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.



The Co.'s Steamship *Omi Maru*, Capt. C. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 16th February, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer is fitted with Superior Passenger Accommodation and is lighted by Electricity throughout. A duly-qualified Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN BOMBAY-LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract.)

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY

(Calling at TUTICORIN *on the Homeward Voyage).*



The Co.'s Steamship *Miike Maru*, Capt. P. H. GOING, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, at Noon.

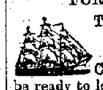
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Sailing Vessels.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

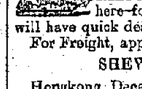


The 100 *A.I.* Iron 4-mast British barque *Matterhorn*, Captain J. WILLIAMS, will soon be ready to load for the above Port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, November 28, 1896. 2399

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.



The British Barque *Sumbawa*, REBSDORF, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, December 7, 1896. 2471

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Belgic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	THURSDAY, Feb. 4, at noon.
Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	TUESDAY, Feb. 23, at noon.
Gaelic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and H'lulu)	SATURDAY, March 13, at noon.

THE Steamship *BELGIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 4th February, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 16, 1897. 126

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday....	February 2.
Preussen.....	Tuesday....	March 2.
Sachsen.....	Tuesday...	March 30.
Bayern.....	Tuesday...	April 27.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday...	May 25.

ON TUESDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1897, at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Captain CUPPERS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 1st February, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on MONDAY, the 1st January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 9, 1897. 64

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *SYDNEY*, Captain AUBERT, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the s.s. *Polynésien*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 14th Feb., direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 a.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 2nd February. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 148

NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, $400.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, $350.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA, $225.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION):

Braemar.....	3,601	Tuesday.	Feb. 9.
Tacoma.....	2,649	Tuesday.	Mar. 2.
Victoria.....	3,157	Tuesday.	Mar. 23.
Olympia.....	2,608	Tuesday.	April 13.
Braemar.....	3,601	Tuesday.	May 4.

THE Steamship *BRAEMAR*, Captain PORTER, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 9th February, will proceed to VICTORIA (B.C.), and TACOMA (Wash.), *viâ* SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of The Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, January 19, 1897. 149

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Feb. 13, at noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Y'hama & H'lulu)	TUESDAY, March 2, at noon.
City of Peking (via Shanghai, N'saki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	TUESDAY, March 23, at noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship *PERU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 13th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, *viâ* Overland Railway, to Havana Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, January 26, 1897. 165



STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *MIRZAPORE*, Captain J. F. JEPHSON, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 28, 1897. 198

FOR SALE.

OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY,
IN SQUARE BOTTLES,
(very fine quality)

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$12 per case of 1 dozen bottles.

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Sole Agent, 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, January 11, 1897. 12

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE,
VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
(Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.)
SAFETY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.

Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Capdr. O. P. MARSHALL, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb./97.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. PYNUS, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 17th Mar./97.
EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. ... ARCHIBALD, R.N.R....WEDNESDAY, 7th April/97.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

CIRCULAR PACIFIC TOUR TICKETS Hongkong to Vancouver, Vancouver to Sydney Australia via Honolulu, and Sydney to Hongkong via Brisbane and Torres Straits, Good for 9 months £100.

The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition) and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, etc., apply to

D. E. BROWN, *General Agent*,
PEDDER STREET.

Hongkong, January 20, 1897. 143

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE.

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

LIST OF EXCHANGE SUBSCRIBERS.

No.

A
129.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills Office.
130.—Aberdeen, Paper Mills.
40.—Anderson, Capt., East Point.
24.—Anderson, Capt., Praya Central.
8.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

B
153.—Beck, J. M., Residence.
143.—Bell Asbestos Co.
172.—Benjamin S. S., Residence.
143.—Benjamin, Kelly & Potts.
70.—Beurmann C., Residence.
66.—Blackhead & Co.
65.—Blackhead, F., Residence.
96.—Bradley & Co.
154.—Brick Co., Deep Water Bay.
122.—Burnie, & Goddard Capts.
39.—Butterfield & Swire, Peak Residence.
38A.— Do. do. Quarry Bay.
18.— Do. do. Shipping Office.
36.— Do. do. Sugar Office.

C
75.—Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.
42.—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.
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133.—Carlowitz & Co.
111.—Carmichael & Co.
134.—Carmichael H. F., Residence.
152.—Chai On Insurance Co.
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72.—China Sugar Refinery, East Point.
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11.—Club, Hongkong.
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168.—Colonial Secretary.
153.—Com. Union Assurance Co.
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88.— Do. do., Residence.
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12.—'Daily Press' Office.
85.—Dairy Farm Office.
67.—Dairy Farm, Pok-foo-lum.
121.—Danby, W.
73.—David, A. J., Residence.
60.—David & Co.
123.—Detective Dept., (Chinese).
25.—Dock, Aberdeen.
20.—Dock Co.

DOCTORS.
80.—Dr. Atkinson, Residence.
105.—Dr. Clark, Residence.
2.—Drs. Hartigan, Stedman and Rennie.
23.—Dr. Jordan, Office.
43.— Do. Residence.
159.—Dr. Paulun Office.
127.—Dr. Paulun, Residence.
35.—Dr. Rennie.
55.—Dr. Stedman, Residence.
162.—Dr. Thomson, Office.
163.— Do. Residence.

41.—Dodwell, Carlill & Co.
17.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

E
136.—Edye, Surg.-Capt., Residence.
58.—Electric Co.
58A.—Electric Co., Residence.

F
142.—Fenwick, Geo. & Co.
74.—Fletcher & Co.

G
135.—Gande, Price & Co.
132.—Garrels, J. H., Residence.
48.—Gas Co., East Point.
47.— Do. West Point.
150.—Gaupp & Co.
31.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
44.—Government House.

H
156.—Hall, F. W., Residence.
171.—Hancock A., Residence.
50.—Harbour Master.
99.—Harling, Buschmann & Menzell.
86.—Harling, G., Residence.
35A.—Harrison, W. Stuart, Residence.
95.—Haskell, D., Residence.
92.—Hermann, C., Residence.
113.—Him Kee & Co.
27.—Holliday, Wise & Co.
101.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Office.
102.—H. C. & M. S. Co., Wharf.
126.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.
9.—H. & S. Bank.
84.—H. & S. Bank, Mess.
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HOSPITALS.
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8.— Do. Peak.
110.—Hospital, Naval.
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HOTELS.
32.—Hotel, Hongkong.
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29.— Do. Peak.
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37.—Humphreys, J. D., Residence.
68.—Humphreys, J. D., & Son.

K
108.—Kaw Hong Take
64A.—Kennedy, J., Causeway Bay.
64.— Do. do. Horse Repository.
107.—Kin Fat Hong.
141.—Kinghorn, J. W., Office.
120.—Kirch & Co.
151.—Kruse & Co.

L
91.—Lamke & Rogge.
97.—Lane, Crawford & Co.
117.—Land Investment Co.
89.—Layton, B., Office.
90.— Do., Residence.
167.—Leigh and Orange.

M
106.—Man Chuen Yuen.
93.—Man On Insurance Co.
118.—Marty, A. R.
112.—Melchers & Co.
131.—Meyer & Co.
114.—Meyer & Co., Godown.
124.—Meyer & Co., North Point.
157.—Michaelson, St. C., Residence.
155.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

N
125.—Nam Tai Insurance Co.
5.—Nam Wo & Co.
146.—National Bank.
109.—Naval Yard.

O
119.—Opium Factory.
46.—Opium Farm.
174.—Osborne E., Residence.

P
175.—Palmer and Turner.
19.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
69.—P. & O. Mess, Peak.
147.—Playfair, G. W. F., Residence.
15.—Police Station, Central.

R
34.—Ray, E. C., Residence.
51.—Ray and Davies.
103.—R. E. Guard Room.
104.—R. E. Mess.
140.—Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
76.—Richardson R. L. Residence.
19A.—Ritchie, H. A.
30—Ritchie, H. A., Residence.
45.—Rope Factory.
169.—Ross A., Residence.

S
13.—Sachse, P., Residence.
52.—Sailors' Home.
4.—Sanitarium, Pok-foo-lum.
94.—Sassoon, M. S. & Co.
49.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
81.—Siemssen & Co.
173.—Smith, A. Findlay.
166.—Skott H., Residence.
139.—Soap Factory, Shaukiwan.
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62.— Do. do. Residence.
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14.—Telegraph Companies.
28.—Tomes, C. A., Residence.
137.—Tong Lee Chan, Office.
138.—Tong Lee Chan, Shaukiwan.
54.—Tram Station, Peak.
93.—Tung Kee & Co.

W
16.—Watson A. S., & Co.
6.—Wharf & Godown Co., Head Office.
7.—Wharf & Godown Co., Kowloon.
21.—Wharf & Godown Co., Wanchai.
33.—Wharf & Godown Co., West Point
57.—Wickham, W. H., Residence.
165.—Wieler & Co.
144.—Wing Koe & Co., Office.
145.— Do., Godown.
63.—Wo Kee & Co.

Y
161.—Yan Woo Co.
38.—Yuen Fat Hong.
79.—Yeun Larn Kee.

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For full particulars, &c., &c.
Apply to
W. STUART HARRISON,
Manager.

Hongkong, January, 1897. 196

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, January 23, 1897.

At 1026 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

	Price. Highest. Cash.	Lowest. Cash.	Chinese Names.
Butcher Meat.			肉食
Bacon, English, lb.	—	—	來路燻豬肉
,, Ame. Sugar cured ,,	320	—	花旗燻豬肉
,, Foochow, ,,	220	—	福州燻豬肉
,, Japan, cured ,,	—	—	日本燻豬肉
Beef sirloin & prime cut, catty	140	—	尾龍扒
,, Corned, catty	140	—	鹹牛肉
,, Roast, ,,	140	—	燒牛肉
,, Soup, ,,	100	—	湯肉
,, Steak, ,,	140	—	牛肉起
Bullock's Brains, per set	60	50	牛腦
,, Tongue fresh, each	—	—	牛脷
,, ,, corned ,,	350	—	鹹牛利
,, Head, ,,	560	—	牛頭
,, Heart, ,,	150	—	牛心
,, Hump, Salt catty	140	—	牛肩
,, Feet, each	60	50	牛蹄
,, Kidneys, ,,	50	—	牛腰
,, Tail, ,,	160	—	牛尾
,, Liver, catty	70	—	牛肝
,, Tripe (undressed) catty	60	50	牛肚
Calves Head and Feet, set	500	—	牛仔頭腳
Hams, American, lb.	340	—	花旗火腿
,, Chinese, ,,	—	—	金華火腿
,, English, New, ,,	420	—	來路火腿
,, Japan cured, ,,	260	—	日本火腿
,, Shanghai, ,,	390	—	上海火腿
Mutton Chop, ,,	150	—	羊排骨
,, Leg, ,,	150	—	羊脾
,, Shoulder, ,,	120	—	羊手
Pigs' Chitlings, catty	70	60	豬腸
,, Feet, ,,	110	—	豬腳
,, Fry, ,,	160	—	豬雜
,, Head, each	500	450	豬頭
,, Heart, ,,	50	40	豬心
,, Kidneys, pair	—	—	豬腰
,, Liver, lb.	160	—	豬肝
Pork, Chop, catty	180	—	豬排骨
,, Corned, ,,	—	—	鹹豬肉
,, Leg, ,,	180	—	豬腳
,, Fat or Lard, ,,	140	—	豬油
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	350	—	羊頭腳
,, Heart, each	50	40	羊心
,, Kidneys, ,,	70	—	羊腰
,, Liver, lb.	150	140	羊肝
Sucking Pigs, each	$1.75	$1.25	豬仔
Suet, Beef, lb.	110	—	生牛油
,, Mutton, ,,	100	—	生羊油
Veal, catty	130	—	牛仔肉
Poultry.			生口
Chicken, catty	200	—	雞仔
Capons, ,,	250	—	閹雞
Ducks, ,,	150	—	鴨
Doves, each	—	—	鴿
Eggs, Hen, doz.	110	—	雞蛋
,, Duck ,,	110	—	鴨蛋
Fowls, catty	170	—	雞
Geese, ,,	160	—	鵝
Hares, each	450	—	兎仔
Musk Deer, ,,	$3.00	—	黃頸
Partridges, ,,	550	—	鷓鴣
Pigeons, ,,	170	—	白鴿
Pheasant, brace	$1.00	—	上海山雞
Rice Birds, doz.	—	—	禾雀
Quail, each	100	—	鶉鴣
Snipe, ,,	170	—	沙鷸
Turkeys, Cock, catty	550	—	火鷄公
,, Hen, ,,	400	—	火鷄母
Teal, each	280	—	水鴨
Wild Ducks, pair	900	—	上海水鴨
Fish.			海鮮
Barbel, catty	160	—	鯽魚
Bream, ,,	80	—	鯇魚
Bombay Ducks, 100 pieces	250	—	孟味魚
C'ton Fresh Water Fish, catty	—	—	海魚
Carp, ,,	90	—	鯉魚
Catfish, ,,	—	—	赤魚
Codfish, Salt, ,,	—	—	鹹魚
Crabs, ,,	140	—	蟹
Cuttle Fish, ,,	100	—	魚盂尾
Dab, ,,	60	—	魚倒殼
Dace, ,,	80	—	沙魚
Dog Fish, ,,	—	—	水鼈
Eels, Conger, ,,	—	—	鱔
,, Fresh water, ,,	200	—	淡水鱔
Eels, Yellow, ,,	—	—	黃鱔
File Fish, ,,	—	—	剝皮魚
Frogs, ,,	200	—	田雞
Fresh Fish, ,,	80	—	鮮魚
Garoupa, ,,	500	—	石鱉
Gudgeon, ,,	90	—	白鮑魚
Gurnard, ,,	80	—	紅魚
Herrings, ,,	100	—	白鯖
,, smoked box	—	—	熏甲魚
Halibut, catty	90	—	鰈魚
Labrus, ,,	110	—	黃花魚
Loach, ,,	180	—	鯊魚
Lobsters, ,,	110	—	龍蝦
Mackerel, ,,	—	—	鯖魚
Monk Fish, ,,	—	—	老虎魚
Mullet, ,,	200	—	烏頭
Oysters, ,,	180	—	蠔
Perch, ,,	180	—	鱸
Pike, ,,	300	—	花鯽魚
Plaice, ,,	300	—	鞋魚
Pomfret, White ,,	140	—	白鯧
Pomfret, Black ,,	120	—	黑鯧
Prawns, ,,	220	—	明蝦
Ray, ,,	50	—	琵琶沙
Rock Fish, ,,	80	—	石狗公
Roach, ,,	—	—	鯉魚
Salmon, (Canton), ,,	200	—	馬友魚
Shark, ,,	50	—	鯊魚
Salt Fish, ,,	100	—	鹹魚
Skate, ,,	50	—	鮰魚
Shrimps, ,,	200	—	蝦
Snapper, ,,	120	—	立魚
Soles, ,,	160	—	龍沙魚
Tench, ,,	—	—	鯪魚
Turbot, ,,	110	—	左口魚
Turtles, small, fresh water, ,,	260	—	甲魚
Whiting, catty	—	—	長魚
White Bait, ,,	90	—	銀魚仔
Fruits.			菓子
Apples, (California), catty	300	—	金山平菓
,, (Tientsin), ,,	—	—	天津平菓
,, (Japan), ,,	—	—	日本平菓
Bananas, fragrant, ,,	30	—	香蕉香蕉
,, (brides), ,,	—	—	山香蕉
Chestnuts, Chinese, ,,	100	—	風栗
Carambola, ,,	100	—	楊桃
Cocoanuts, each	50	—	椰子
Ground Nuts, catty	100	—	花生
Grapes, ,,	170	—	鮮提子
Lemons, China, ,,	50	—	檸檬
,, Peel, ,,	—	—	桔餅
Lichees, Dried, ,,	250	—	荔枝乾
,, Fresh, ,,	—	—	荔枝
Limes, ,,	—	—	擰檬
Mango, (Saigon), each	—	—	安南芒菓
,, (Manila), ,,	—	—	呂宋芒
Mangosteen, dozen	—	—	山竹子
Oranges, Sweet, catty	60	—	新會甜橙
,, Green, ,,	40	—	青橙
,, Red, ,,	100	—	紅桔
Olives, ,,	60	—	白欖
Pine-apples, each	50	—	本地波羅
Pears, catty	—	—	沙梨
,, (Tientsin), ,,	100	—	天津雪梨
Pumelo, each	70	—	篠柚
,, (Siam), catty	100	—	暹羅柚
Peach, (Sweet), ,,	—	—	蜜桃
Raisins, Muscatel, ,,	—	—	琴提子
,, Pudding, ,,	—	—	琴提
Water Chestnuts, com. ,,	40	—	馬蹄
,, Mandarin, ,,	60	—	桂林馬蹄
Walnuts, ,,	100	—	合桃
Vegetables, &c.			菜蔬
Artichokes, Shanghai, catty	40	—	上海丫洽竹
Beans, (French), ,,	100	—	佛國四季豆
,, Long, ,,	—	—	豆角
Beet Root, each	20	—	紅菜頭
Brinjals, Green, catty	30	—	青茄子
,, Red, ,,	30	—	紅茄
Brassica, ,,	20	—	白菜
Bamboo Shoots, ,,	100	—	竹筍
Cabbage, Chinese com. ,,	20	—	芥菜
Cabbage, Shanghai, each	40	—	椰菜
Cauliflower, ,,	50	—	椰菜花
Carrots, catty	50	—	金筍
Celery, Chinese, ,,	30	—	唐芹菜
,, English, ,,	50	—	洋芹菜
Chilies Dried, ,,	130	—	辣椒乾
,, Red, ,,	110	—	紅花椒
Curry Stuff, English, ,,	40	—	咖喱材料
Cucumbers, ,,	—	—	青瓜
Bitter Squash, ,,	—	—	苦瓜
Garlic, ,,	60	—	蒜頭
Ginger, young, ,,	50	—	新子薑
Horse Radish, S'hai, ,,	120	—	力根
Indian Corn, ,,	—	—	粟米
Lettuce, (English), each	10	—	洋生菜
Mushrooms, Fresh, catty	—	—	生草菇
Onions, Bombay, ,,	60	—	洋蔥頭
,, Green, ,,	30	—	生蔥
,, Shanghai, ,,	—	—	上海蔥頭
,, Japan, ,,	40	—	日本蔥頭
Okroes, ,,	140	—	毛燕
Parsley, English, bundle	10	—	洋菜仔
Potatoes, Sweet, catty	20	—	番薯仔
,, Shanghai, ,,	—	—	上海番薯仔
,, Japan, ,,	20	—	日本番薯仔
,, American, ,,	—	—	花旗番薯仔
,, Foochow, ,,	30	—	福州番薯仔
,, Macao, ,,	30	—	澳門番薯仔
Pumpkin, ,,	20	—	南瓜
Purslane, ,,	—	—	豬仔菜
Papaw, ,,	25	20	木瓜
Radish, dozen	20	—	紅蘿白仔
Rice, best quality, per picul,	$4.30		上白米
,, Common ,, ,,	$4.10		中白米
Shalots, catty	40	—	蔥頭
Spinage, (Chinese) ,,	—	—	菠菜
Spinach, ,,	30	—	菜蓯
Snake Gourd, ,,	40	—	蛇瓜
Tomatoes, ,,	40	—	番茄
Taro, ,,	30	15	芋頭
Turnips, Pearl, (Long), each	10	—	蘿白
Vegetable Marrow, catty	—	—	節瓜
,, ,, (Long), ,,	—	—	長節瓜
Water Cresses, ,,	30	—	西洋菜

WM. MACDONALD,
Assistant Inspector of Markets.

EXPERTS IN HANDWRITING.

I never was much of a believer in experts in handwriting. I have examined, and more frequently cross-examined, Chabot, Netherclift, and all the experts of the day, and have nearly always caught them tripping. In fact, in my opinion they are utterly unreliable.

I was counsel in a case that took place at the Old Bailey on the 17th and 18th of September, 1879, which thoroughly confirmed me in the opinion I have just expressed. Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott, who had been Sheriff of Middlesex, and had served his year of office as Lord Mayor, was charged with publishing a libel concerning John Kearns. Messrs Poland and Grain conducted the prosecution, while Sir John Holker, I, and Horace Avory represented the accused. The alleged libel was contained on a post-card. The prosecutor was accused of committing a criminal offence, and the post-card concluded with these words: 'Excuse an old friend mentioning this to you to put you on your guard, but you are being watched by the police.'

The prosecutor stated that he lived at Edmonton, and that he had formerly been a wharfinger in Upper Thames Street. He added that he had been a member of the Common Council, and that the defendant had sat in the same Court with him for years. A most intimate friendship had, he said, existed between them. He was thoroughly well acquainted with the defendant's handwriting, and was most positive that Sir Francis had written the post-card in question. He applied for a summons against the defendant at the Guildhall, and Mr Alderman Cotton, who presided, had refused to give it. He had subsequently applied at the same place when Sir Robert Carden was presiding, but with a similar result. The prosecutor further informed the Court that there had been litigation between himself, the defendant, and a lady of the name of Smith, who was the proprietress of the house where he lived at Edmonton.

The lady in question (who was stated to have filed two suits against Sir Francis in Chancery) was called as a witness, and also positively swore that the handwriting upon the post-card was that of the defendant. She said that she had recognised it as his the instant it was shown to her—that she had frequently seen him write, and that she had received numerous letters from him.

Charles Chabot was then called. He stated that for many years he had been engaged in examining handwriting, and that he carried on business at 27, Red Lion Square. He said he had made handwriting a careful study, and that, in consequence, he had frequently been a witness in important trials, and had been employed by the Government and other large bodies. He had compared a number of letters undoubtedly written by the defendant, with the post-card, and he said he was prepared to swear that in each case the writer was one and the same person. A flourish that appeared on the post-card and a flourish that was attached to the signature in all the letters were, he declared, unmistakably identical. There were other similarities to which he drew attention, and he sought, and obtained, permission to quit the witness-box, and point out those similarities, one by one, to the jury. This witness was severely cross-examined by Sir John Holker, but, apparently, was in no way shaken.

Frederick George Netherclifte was then called. He stated that he had made handwriting a study during more than thirty years, that he had frequently appeared professionally in the witness-box, and that, after minutely comparing the letters with the post-card, he had independently come to the conclusion that the writer in both cases was the same. He produced a most elaborately-written report, calling attention to the various similarities existing between the handwriting on the different documents, and, on being cross-examined, he adhered absolutely to the position he had taken up.

We knew that they were all entirely wrong, and that we had a complete answer in store. Sir John asked permission of the presiding Judge, Mr Justice Manisty, to call his witnesses first, and, if necessary, address the jury afterwards. I then called Mr Thomas Flight Smith, who stated that he was a member of the firm of Smith, Son, and Co., wholesale stationers, of Queen Street, City. He said that he was acquainted with both the prosecutor and the defendant. He knew they had been on terms of friendship, and that that friendship had now ceased. I asked him to take the post-card in his hand and read it. He did so, and, upon being questioned as to whose handwriting appeared thereon, he said: 'I wrote the post-card. It is my own writing. I was not actuated by any malicious motives towards Mr. Kearns in writing it. I was abroad when I heard that this charge had been made against Sir Francis. I read of the matter in the newspapers, and my first idea was to write to Sir Francis Truscott and acknowledge that I did it; but I wrote to my father instead, and I subsequently, at the request of Mr. Crawford, Sir Francis' solicitor, made an affidavit before Mr Justice Stephen at chambers, in which I swore that the handwriting was mine. Sir Francis had nothing whatever to do with it. He was not aware in any way that I had written it.'

The father, Thomas John Smith, was then put in the box. He stated that the post-card was in the handwriting not of the defendant, but of his own son. To prove what he said, he produced for comparison three other post-cards in his son's handwriting.

Mr Alderman George Swan Nottage was examined as a witness, and he stated that he knew Sir Francis and Mr Thomas Flight Smith intimately; that, having received many letters from both, he was acquainted with their respective handwriting, and that the post-card was undoubtedly written, not by Sir Francis, but by Mr. Smith.

The jury stated that they did not wish to hear any further evidence, and proceeded at once to pronounce a verdict of 'Not Guilty.'

So much for the evidence of experts in handwriting.

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THE Empress Taitu, wife of the Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia, inspects and reviews the soldiers like any officer. Her Majesty is always accompanied by a brilliant staff of Galles and Tigrins. Her face cannot be seen very well because she always wears a black silk veil. She is considered goodlooking, but her portraits hardly bear this out. She is extremely haughty in her deportment, but, if anyone pleases her she is most affable to them, and she has taken into her good graces several Italian prisoners, particularly a young man who is a good singer. Menelik is a good sort of man, but was seen very little by the Italian prisoners. Taitu in no way disdains European articles of dress, and she is particularly fond of silk stockings to cover her dusky feet, which are small and well-made. Her Majesty shows a great predilection for strong drinks, particularly champagne, which she can drink in great quantities.

'Give me my writing materials,' said Weyler to his secretary. 'Red or black ink, sir?' 'Red, you fool. I'm going to fight a battle.'

UNSINKABLE VESSELS.

A NEW INVENTION.

In the presence of a number of shipping experts, a practical demonstration was given on Dec. 21 of a new invention for preventing vessels from sinking after being damaged by collision, stranding, &c., at the offices of the Insubmersible Company, 51 Lime Street, E.C.

The apparatus with an iron model of a cargo-boat performed all that its inventor claimed for it. The model was placed in a tank of water, and having been loaded with bricks and bags of sand up to the water line, a large breach in the side of the boat was uncovered. The water rushed in at such a rate that in less than a minute the boat would have been submerged, but when the water had risen to a level with the deck, a number of bags were inflated with compressed gas, and the vessel almost immediately began to rise. The air was then withdrawn, and the boat at once sank to the bottom of the tank. Again the bags were inflated, and again the vessel came to the surface. The apparatus consists of a number of rectangular reservoirs, or balloons, divided into compartments which are independent of one another. In the event of any one of these compartments being destroyed or damaged, the working of the others is not interfered with. They are made of impervious and water-tight tissue, and in ordinary weather are suspended in concertina fashion under the various decks, or ceilings of cabins in the ship. In case of accident these air-bags are at once inflated by gas, and thus caused to fill the free places of the cabins or store rooms over which they are fastened. The gas employed is liquid carbonic acid, which, under the pressure of one atmosphere, is known to develop about 460 times its volume in gas. The gas is sent into the reservoirs instantaneously by its high pressure, and distributed to the different compartments by the aid of a lever in the upper deck, also by automatic floats on the bottom, which, moved by the water rushing in, acts in the same way as the lever—giving thus two means of security in the case of a sudden action having to be taken. A second advantage claimed for the system is that in the use of carbonic acid the captains of ships have the means of extinguishing fire in any part of the vessel by the use of a hose from one of the acid tubes. Another advantage is the use of this gas and reservoirs for the purpose of refloating sunken ships, and the gas could also be utilised for a powerful foghorn when steam was no longer available. An important point for consideration is the amount of space that would be required for the reservoirs, and it is understood that to float a vessel three feet of air space would be required for every ten tons burthen. This of course would largely cripple the goods space in a cargo ship, unless the bags could all be fixed over the men's berths, officers' cabins, and other recesses not usually filled with packages. Before this invention can be said to be a perfect success it must be tested on a sea-going boat, and it is to be hoped that such an experiment will prove as successful as did that with the model.

A SOURCE OF DANGER.

Food for thought is offered in the report of a case of theft by certain tailors in Hongkong of silk materials entrusted to them by various shop-keepers to be made up into wearing apparel. It is an indubitable fact that the several epidemics of disease that have been of late and are now still scourging most Eastern countries have for their victims chiefly those of the lower or artisan class. The European, except in some, happily rare, instances, escapes infection. The habits of the lower orders of the body politic in the East necessitate greater or lesser degrees of dirt and squalor; their houses and furniture, their persons and their clothing, being in a more or less insanitary condition, are all susceptible to and greedily absorb the poison germs of cholera, plague, small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, and measles; and not only do the poor themselves succumb rapidly to the epidemic, but, far worse, their filthy surroundings spread the germs far and wide in an ever-widening and deadly circle. Tailors, of all comprised in the class referred to, are perhaps the most to be dreaded in this matter of the spread of pestilence; they are even in Occidental countries poorer in physique than their neighbours, are more sedentary in their habits and their surroundings and the necessarily insanitary conditions of their lives all conduce to make them more easily liable to and less able to resist the insidious poison of the prevailing pestilence, whatever that may at the moment happen to be. This being true of western tailors what shall be said of the condition of things here in the East? Here the greater poverty of the lower classes brings them closer together in small ill-ventilated houses and workshops; the water supply and provision for light, air, and drainage are less efficient than in the West; the necessity for the maintenance of the people in good health is less understood and precautionary measures are neglected until epidemic virulent disease compels attention from the Authorities, with the result that thousands are swept away before the fell destroyer can be wrestled with and driven out.

These things being so it becomes a grave question how best to avoid infection from the wearing of apparel made under such conditions? The question is one that concerns ladies and gentlemen alike, more particularly the former perhaps. But this is not all. In the experience of each one of us resident here in the East it is a matter of common knowledge that ladies wear garments made in just such evil-smelling, ill-ventilated squalid houses as so many of the poor are compelled to inhabit out here in the East; but not only this, so great is the competition for the tailor's services—owing to the way ladies have of making use of one or other who is more skilful than his fellows in interpreting 'the fashion'—that materials are handed over to and left in the tailor's hands for weeks at a time, with the greatest complacency; and when the children of the household go down with small-pox, scarlet fever, measles, or diphtheria there is a loud outcry. The outcry, as a rule, is against the local Authorities, while the real source of danger is not even thought of.—*Kobe Herald.*

THE following incident, it is reported, occurred a few weeks ago at a ball in Berlin. A colonel advanced towards a young lieutenant, who bore on his breast as one decoration a large badge studded with diamonds, 'Tell me, young man,' he said, 'what is that thing you have got there?' 'It is an order, my colonel,' replied the lieutenant. 'An order!' exclaimed the colonel. 'It is not Prussian, then, for I don't know it.' 'It is an English order, my colonel,' responded the juvenile officer. 'Ah, indeed!' said his superior; 'who, for goodness' sake, could have give you such an order?' 'My grandmother, my colonel,' was the reply. 'Your grandmother!' ejaculated the colonel, bursting out laughing; 'what is her name?' 'Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Queen of England,' answered the young lieutenant, who was none other than Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein. The colonel suddenly disappeared.

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A SHORT TALK ON BEING TIRED.

Are you a working man, or a working woman? I don't mean one who is so by classification, or by having been born on the sinister side of certain lines of social cleavage, but solely because you daily do some sort of real, honest, and useful work? Yes? I shake your hand. I hope you manage to live by it without overdoing, and that (being still hearty and healthy) you sometimes find yourself tired, dog-tired, and hungry as a wolf, with plenty of good food for supper. Then hey! for bed and a genuine sleep of eight hours; to jump from bed in the morning, both feet on the floor at once. That's the right kind of 'tired' and the heaven-descended brand of rest. It is a blessing in itself, and bears others in its train.

But the variety of fatigue so many people are all the time writing us about is different. Listen to this one, for instance: 'In September, 1893,' he says, 'I was overcome by a feeling of languor. I was easily tired and comparatively slight efforts served to exhaust me completely. Indeed I never seemed rested at all, and was as tired in the morning as when I went to bed. Both muscles and mind were inert and relaxed. At the same time my appetite seemed to be tired too. I had no relish for food, and after eating felt uneasiness and distress in the stomach and pain at the chest. My skin was sallow also, and there was a dull aching at my right side in the region of the liver.

'I was constantly belching up a sour fluid, and my food would sometimes "repeat" or rise into my mouth. All I could do to rectify this miserable state of things I did, acting upon the suggestion of friends and others, but failed to come across a remedy for my complaint, which meantime obtained a stronger hold upon me.

'On account of my inability to eat and digest food my flesh fell off until I became so thin you might have fancied me as having gone into a decline. And I was so weak I could scarcely get about. I remained in this condition month after month, until, of course, for work and virtually a man out of the world's fight.

'The doctor who prescribed for me probably understood my case, but he was not able, apparently, to cure me. And I notice it is in illness as in business; unless one holds his own he is bound to be falling behind, which made me anxious to obtain relief soon, lest I might pass beyond the reach of it. And in answer to the hope finally came the help I needed.

'In July of last year (1894) I read about Mother Seigel's Syrup in a small pamphlet which was left at our house. The book described my symptoms perfectly, and stated the disease to be indigestion, with dulness and inactivity of the liver, the latter condition a result of the former. The weakness and loss of weight it explained, naturally enough, to be the effect of want of proper nourishment. Cure the stomach trouble in such cases, said an article in the pamphlet, and the consequences will vanish of themselves.

'On this I procured a bottle of the Syrup from Messrs. Robinson and Co., chemists, Hunslet Carr, and after taking it for a few days, I found myself much better. My food now ceased to give me pain, and I gained some strength with every meal. No better proof of the power of this medicine could I ask. I continued the use of it; the bad symptoms abated and no longer troubled me, and in a few weeks I felt as vigorous and well as ever I did. I could work as before and experienced that kind of fatigue which promotes rest and is relieved by it. I have since enjoyed good health, and you are welcome to publish this short account of my case. (Signed) Percy Hardaker, 42, Woodhouse Hill Road, Hunslet Carr, Leeds, March 29th, 1895.'

Mr. Hardaker is agent for the Pearl Assurance Society, and is well and widely known. His own intelligent comments on his complaint renders any words of ours quite needless. In private conversation he said he looked upon that unnatural 'tired' feeling as a warning that none should neglect. It means, not the effect of work, but of exhaustion through that subtle disease indigestion. Mother Seigel's Syrup should be taken *then*, as he would have taken it then had he heard of it. We hope Mr. Hardaker's timely words, based as they are on an instructive experience, will be heeded by all to whom they apply.

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Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Closing Quotations, Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	$ 125	all	184 % prem.=$355, sellers
Bank of China & Japan, Limited preference shares	33,950	£ 5	£ 5	nom.
,, ordinary ,,	199,875	£ —	£ 2.10	nom.
,, deferred ,,	1,250	£ 1	£ 1	£5
National Bank of China, Limited...	...	£ 10	£ 8	£26½
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld.....	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$177½, buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ld..	24,000	$ 83.33	$ 25	$77, sales
North-China Insurance Co., Ld.....	5,000	£ 100	£ 25	Tls. 195
Straits Insurance Co., Ld.....	30,000	$ 100	$ 20	$28, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Ld.....	10,000	$ 250	$ 50	$237½, sales
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Ld.	8,000	$ 100	$ 60	$160, sales
FIRE INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ld..	20,000	$ 100	$ 20	$106, sales and buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ld...	8,000	$ 250	$ 50	$372½, sales and buyers
DOCKS.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	12,500	$ 125	all	227 % prm., =$408.75, sales [and buyers
STEAMBOATS.				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$67, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.....	20,000	$ 50	all	$61½, sales and sellers
HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ld.	60,000	$ 15	$ 15	$33½, sales
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£ 10	all	$43, sales
China Mutual S, N, Co.	20,000	£ 10	£ 10	£7, buyers
			£ 10	£6
Do. (new issue).	20,000	£ 10	£ 5	£2.5
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited.....	20,000	$ 100	all	$139, sellers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited. ...	7,000	$ 100	all	$54, sales and sellers
WHARVES.				
HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	$ 50	all	$69, sales and buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Company, Limited.	2,600	$ 100	$ 37½	$43½
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.....	50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$77½, ex div., sales & sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, ...	6,000	$ 50	$ 30	$15½, buyers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co...	25,400	$ 10	all	$9½, sales
West Point Building Co., Limited..	12,500	$ 50	$ 40	$19, ex div., sales
TRAMWAYS.				
HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld.	1,250	$ 100	all	$97, buyers
MINING.				
Jelebu Mining & Trading Co., Ld...	40,000	$ 5	all	$2.25, buyers
Punjom Mining Co., Ld.....	60,000	$ 4	all	$10½, sales and sellers
Société Francaise des Charbonnages du Tonkin.	12,000	Frs. 500	all	$75, sellers
New Balmoral Gold M'ing Co., Ld..	50,000	$ 3	all	$1.30, sellers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ld....	200,0000	£ 1	13/10	$11¼, sales and buyers
Olivers Freehold Mines, Ltd.....	A 15,000	$ 5	$ 5	$5
	B 20,000	$ 5	$ 2½	$2½
	25,000	$ 5	$ 1	$1
PLANTING, ETC.				
China-Borneo Company, Ld.	7,500	$ 100	$ 55	nom.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited. in liq.	6,000	$ 50	all	in liq.
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Lt.....	12,000	$ 50	all	$34, sales and buyers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited.....	30,000	$ 10	all	$12.50, sales
Dakin, Cruickshank & Co., Ld. in Liq.	50,000	$ 5	all	in liquidation
LIGHTING.				
HK. and China Gas Co., Limited...	7,000	£ 10	all	$110, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited. ...	30,000	$ 10	$ 8	$7, sales and buyers
BRICK AND CEMENT.				
Green-Island Cement Co., Ld.	20,000	$ 10	$ 10	$20, sales and buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ld.	3,000	£ 1	£1	$8, buyers
	7,000	£ 1	£ 15/-	$8, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited....	1,200	$ 10	all	$6, buyers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	6,000	$ 25	$ 25	$33, sales
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ld. ...	600	$ 50	all	$30
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.....	10,000	$ 7½	$ 5	$5, nom.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited...	5,000	$ 25	all	$115, buyers
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld.	5,000	$ 50	all	$155, sellers
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld., ...	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 83, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld., ...	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 90
Laou-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 90
Carmichael & Co., Ld.....	2,000	$ 25	$ 20	$28
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ld...	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls 500	Tls. 525
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Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
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7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
9. From Kellett's Island to North Point.
10. Kowloon Wharves.
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Anchorage.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons nett.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Altmore	...	Watson	Brit. str.	1497	Jan. 20	Shewan, Tomes & Co	.....	K'loon Dock
Amoy	3 c	Wulff	Ger. str.	663	Jan. 3	Order		
Arratoon Apcar	5 k	Sundberg	Brit. str.	1392	Jan. 29	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.		
Belgic	5 c	Rinder	Brit. str.	2695	Jan. 28	O. & O S. S. Co.	San Francisco	4th prox.
Beulawers	3 c	Webster	Brit. str.	1483	Jan. 23	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Bisagno	5 k	Mancini	Italian str.	1499	Jan. 29	Carlowitz & Co.		
Brindisi	5 k	Wickenden	Brit. str.	2265	Jan. 22	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Singapore & Bombay	To-morrow
China	5 c	Voss	Ger. str.	1114	Jan. 26	Siemssen & Co.		
Dante	5 c	Koepke	Ger. str.	1302	Nov. 19	Wieler & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Decima	4 c	Christensen	Ger. str.	965	Jan. 29	Siemssen & Co.		
Deucalion	5 c	Branch	Brit. str.	1374	Jan. 29	Butterfield & Swire		
Deuteros	8 c	Lassen	Ger. str.	1198	Jan. 29	Siemssen & Co.		
Empress of India	5 h	Marshall	Brit. str.	3003	Jan. 26	C. P. R. Co.	Vancouver, B.C.	17th prox.
Hanoi	3 c	Chodzko	Fch. str.	747	Jan. 23	A. R. Marty	Haiphong	To-morrow
Hinsang	5 c	Kynock	Brit. str.	1576	Jan. 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Independent	3 c	Ahrenkiel	Ger. str.	891	Jan. 22	Wieler & Co.		
Jacob Christensen	3 c	Hansen	Norw. str.	1088	Jan. 21	Melchers & Co.		
Jacob Diedrichsen	5 c	Schlaikier	Ger. str.	1623	Jan. 27	Jebsen & Co.	Hoihow	To-morrow
Keong-wai	5 c	Unsworth	Brit. str.	1114	Jan. 25	Yuen Fat Hong.	Bangkok	To-morrow
Kinai Maru	5 c	Sakata	Japan. str.	1299	Jan. 27	Order		
Loongmoon	3 c	Schulz	Ger. str.	1245	Jan. 27	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Mongkut	3 c	Calder	Brit. str.	875	Jan. 28	Butterfield & Swire		
Namoa	5 h	Hall	Brit. str.	862	Jan. 28	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	31st inst.
Nanchang	...	Finlayson	Brit. str.	1060	Dec. 17	Butterfield & Swire	.....	Coa'tan Dock
Propontis	6 c	Farrand	Brit. str.	1390	Dec. 24	Chinese		
Sabine Rickmers	5 c	Sanders	Ger str.	598	Jan. 25	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Siam	...	Messer	Brit. str.	996	Jan. 20	Bradley & Co.	.....	Coa'tan Dock
Strathallan	8 c	Macoubrey	Brit. str.	1488	Jan. 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Taiyuan	5 c	Nelson	Brit. str.	1459	Jan. 28	Butterfield & Swire		
Triumph	3 c	Moller	Ger. str.	675	Jan. 26	Jebsen & Co.		
Tryn	5 c	Hannestad	Norw. str.	719	Jan. 24	Order	Swatow	To-morrow
Zafiro	3 c	Cobban	Brit. str.	675	Jan. 29	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.								
Coloma	2 k	Noyes	Amr. bqe.	814	Jan. 17	Captain		
Fort Stuart	8 h	Vanstone	Brit. sh.	2312	Nov. 6	Order		
Fred. P. Litchfield	2 k	Hardy	Amer. bqe.	991	Nov. 20	Order		
Galveston	3 c	Petersen	Ger. bqe.	650	Dec. 28	Wieler & Co.		
John Baizley	3 k	Wall	Amer. sch.	—	May 60	Order		
John R. Keiley	2 k	Chapman	Amer. sh.	2265	Jan. 23	Standard Oil Co.		
Lothair	3 k	Ferretto	Italian bqe.	796	July 31	D. Musso & Co.		
Matterhorn	2 k	Williams	Br. 4m. sh.	1839	Nov. 19	Standard Oil Co.		
Penobscot	5 c	McCaulder	Amer. bqe.	1067	Nov. 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Santa Cruz	2 k	O'Keefe	Amer. sch.	120	Jan. 3	Captain		
Sumbawa	5 k	Rehberg	Brit. bqe.	1065	Dec. 27	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
Tacoma	5 k	Gaffy	Amer. sh.	1672	Jan. 13	Standard Oil Co.		
West York	5 k	Davis	Brit. bqe.	883	Oct. 18	Order		

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Æolus	twin-screw cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Captain Robert L. Groome	Shanghai
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1760	12	3000	Commander F. G. De Lisle	Hongkong
Archer	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	3500	Comd. C. E. Kingsmill	Yokohama
Centurion*	twinscrew battle ship	10,500	41	13,000	Captain Spencer H. Login	Hongkong
Daphne	sloop	1140	10	2000	Commander MacArthur	Manila
Esk	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	360	2	200	Lt.-Com. H. P. Barton	Ichang
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	6	360	Lieut.-Com. Vernon Maud	Hongkong
Grafton†	twin-screw cruiser, 1st class	7350	36	12,000	Captain E. P. Jones	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. A. Gillespie	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	260	6	4000	Lieut. H. F. Shakespear	Hongkong
Humber	storeship	1670	—	900	Commander F. W. Wyley	K'loon Dock
Immortalité	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	34	8500	Captain Edward Chichester	Tientsin
Linnet	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	8	870	Commander R. C. Sparkes	Nagasaki
Narcissus	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5600	34	8500	Commander McAlpine	Nagasaki
Peacock	gunboat 1st class	750	10	1200	Lieut. P. S. St. John	Hongkong
Pigmy	gunboat 1st class	710	10	1200	Lieut. Dormer	Singapore
Pique	cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Capt. A. G. Curry	Shanghai
Plover	gunboat 1st class	735	10	1200	Lieut. Spencer V. Y. de Horsey	Canton
Porpoise	cruiser 3rd class	1770	16	3500	Commander F. R. Pelly	Singapore
Rainbow	cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Captain Wm. C. C. Forsyth	Hongkong
Rattler	gunboat 1st class	735	10	1200	Lt.-Com. Hon. G. A. Hardinge	Hankow
Redpole	gunboat 1st class	805	10	1200	Lieut.-Com. E. H. Grafton	Manila
Spartan	twin-screw cruiser 2nd class	3600	21	9000	Captain Alfred L. Winsloe	Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	756	8	870	Act.-Com. Yousl	Hongkong
Tamar	ex-transport	2047	—	—		Hongkong
Tweed	g-bt. 3rd class coast defence	363	6	200		Nagasaki
Undaunted	armoured cruiser	5600	34	8500	Captain John S. Hallifax	Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	5157	14	—	Commodore S. Holland	Hongkong
Wivern	coast defence ship, armour	2750	12	1000		

Torpedo Boats in Reserve Nos. 3, 20, 35, 36, 37 and 38, first class; and 3 second class boats.
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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Guns	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Kornilaoff	Russian cruiser	7630	32	9000	Captain Molas	Hongkong
Admiral Nakhimoff	Russian cruiser	7781	32	9500	Captain Kasherinoff	Nagasaki
Africa	Portuguese transport	1993	—	—	Capt. Antonio Sergio de Sousa	Macao
Aleout	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenego	Vladivostock
Alger	French cruiser	4000	30	8000	Captain Boutet	Shanghai
Arcona	German cruiser	2300	18	2400	Captain Becker	Hongkong
Aspic	French gunboat	475	4	450	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Bayard	French flagship	6010	26	4400	Commander Fortin	Saigon
Bengo	Portuguese gunboat	462	5	400	Capt. A. T. Da Costa e Silva	Hongkong
Bobre	Russian sloop	950	13	1150	Captain Molas	Shanghai
Boston	U. S. cruiser	3000	8	3500	Captain F. Wildes	Nagasaki
Castilla	Spanish cruiser	3290	22	4400	Capt. Enrique Santula	Manila
Cometo	French gunboat	495	4	500	Capt. Simon	Shanghai
Detroit	U. S. cruiser	3000	16	5400	Capt. Reiter	Nagasaki
Dimitri Donskoi	Russian cruiser	6000	16	7000	Captain Witthoft	Yokohama
Din	Portuguese cruiser	729	—	—	Capt. Xavier de Brito	Singapore
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1200	4	—	Capt. Duelo	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	1130	14	1500	Commander R. P. de Bonaure	Manila
Gaidamak	Russian gunboat	500	9	3600	Capt. Serebrenikoff	Nagasaki
General Alava	Spanish gun-vessel	1200	—	—	Capt. RamonRochiquet Frejillic	Manila
Gremiastchy	Russian gunboat	1490	13	1330	Capt. Bouchanoff	Nagasaki
Irene	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Commander du Bois	Amoy
Isly	French cruiser	4800	22	8000	Captain Pillot	Hongkong
Kaiser	German flagship	7877	15	7800	Captain Zeye	Hongkong
Koningin Wilhelmina	Nederland cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. W. J. Derx	Swatow
Korojets	Russian sloop	1200	2	2150	Capt. Chalkovsky	Nagasaki
Kormbran	German cruiser	1640	8	2800	Commander Brinkmann	Shanghai
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1330	13	1200	Capt. Baklemisheff	Nagasaki
Lion	French gunboat	500	6	500	Lieutenant Gauchet	Saigon
Machias	U. S. cruiser	1250	16	1500	Commander Mackenzie	Bangkok
Manila	Spanish transport	1057	2	1000	Captain Vinigra	Manila
Mandshur	Russian sloop	1200	9	1400	Commander Andruff	Nagasaki
Monocacy	U. S. sloop	1370	6	950	Com. Reisinger	Tientsin
Olympia	U. S. flagship	5500	14	13,500	Captain J. J. Read	Hongkong
Otvajny	Russian gunboat	1490	12	2000	Captain Radloff	Shanghai
Pamiat Azova	Russian cruiser	6060	33	8000	Captain Vironets	Nagasaki
Panther	Austrian cruiser	1500	10	—	Commander Koppel	Manila
Pluvier	French gunboat	545	3	450	Lieut.-Commander Vidal	Bangkok
Prinzess Wilhelm	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Captain Thiele	Hongkong
Reina Cristina	Spanish cruiser	3090	18	4800	Com'der Jose Warleta	Manila
Rurik	Russian flagship	11,500	48	13,500	Claudo. Rodionoff	Hongkong
Saida	Austrian cruiser	2600	11	1800	Captain C. Spiller	Singapore
Silatch	Russian gunboat	—	—	—	Captain Baranoff	Vladivostock
Sivoutch	Russian cruiser	950	13	1130	Captain Astrouroff	Vladivostock
Vipere	French gunboat	430	4	495	Commander Journet	Bangkok
Vsadnik	Russian gunboat	800	6	3500	Capt. Greve	Nagasaki
Yorktown	U. S. cruiser	1700	16	3000	Commander Stockton	Nagasaki
Zabijaka	Russian Chinese	1250	13	1470	Captain Lebedeff	Amoy

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